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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable

WALTER MADDOCK,

Governor of North Dakota.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes I am pleased to submit herewith the report of this Department for the Biennium ending June 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

ROBT. E. KENNEDY,
State Engineer.

Bismarck, North Dakota.

September 30th, 1928.

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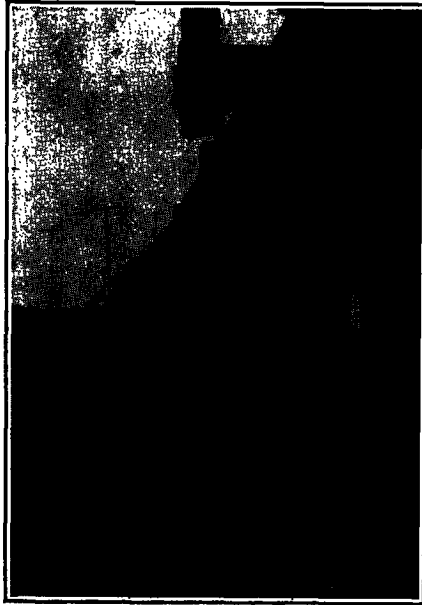
PART I
PERSPECTUS OF DEPARTMENTAL
ACTIVITIES

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THE MISSOURI RIVER DIVERSION TO DEVILS LAKE

The Missouri River Diversion scheme is an effort primarily to rescue Devils Lake from complete annihilation by the forces of Nature. The most beautiful lake in the state even yet altho it is now only a shadow of its former magnificence.

In 1867 it was 37 feet deep and had an estimated area of 170 square miles. It had an area of 111 square miles when it was meandered by the public land survey in 1883. In May, 1903, it was twenty-three feet deep. The last measurement, August, 1928, gives an area of about twenty square miles and a depth of twelve feet. In the interval of 20 years it has fallen at an average rate of about five inches to the year. A large investment has accumulated around its shores. Not only local people of the city of Devils Lake and the lakes region but state and federal departments are concerned about its welfare.



The water in this arm of Devils Lake was ten feet higher in 1907 when this trestle was built than it is now. This is Mr. Jim Barrett, Secretary of the Civic and Commerce Association, who with Mr. Severt Thompson, President of the Missouri Diversion Association, also of Devils Lake, N. Dak., gave the diversion idea national publicity.

As the problem was studied a number of cities on the James and Shyenne Rivers in the eastern part of the two Dakotas were found to have problems which may be solved by the proposed diversion. In

general, their problems have not yet become acute enough to force them to commit themselves to any particular solution.

For a source of additional water the Missouri River is the most abundant but not quite so accessible as the Mouse River whose supply is limited and erratic. Devils Lake is located about 100 miles north easterly from the big bend in the Missouri River near Coleharbor, North Dakota. See Fig. 1. The elevation of the lake is about 260 feet below the water in the Missouri. The Sheyenne and the James Rivers head in the general locality of the lake. The divide to the east of the Missouri at this place is roughly about 40 miles wide of gently rolling glaciated country with an elevation of 300 to 400 feet above the water in the Missouri. It is known as the Coteau.

Suggested Solutions

The problem is how to get the water of the Missouri to Devils Lake and the James and Sheyenne Rivers. The Missouri River has a grade through the state of nine inches to the mile. A ditch out of the river to reach over the divide would have to begin in Montana somewhere. A tunnel has been suggested. But the recently completed topographic maps reveal the fact that the tunnel would have to be 43 miles long to reach through the Coteau to the head of the Sheyenne River from the normal high water in the Missouri River. A report has been prepared by this Department upon the project. Tunnel costs were estimated at \$600,000 a mile for a tunnel of 15 to 20 miles in length. If that estimate could be applied to a tunnel twice to three times as long, which is doubtful, that would make the idea entirely visionary for the present from the standpoint of cost alone, if for no other reason. There would be additional heavy construction to get the water into Devils Lake and the headwater of the James River.

THE MISSOURI RIVER DAM

A dam in the Missouri River was suggested first by John F. Stevens of Panama Canal fame, and later by C. L. Ricker, an engineer from Washington, D. C., who was introduced by Senator L. J. Frazier. It is pretty much in the dream stage as yet but it has the advantage of having a practical bearing upon the national program of flood control and navigation on the main tributaries of the Mississippi River.

While not built primarily for power still large quantities of power would be available as more or less of a by-product and at rates 25 to 30 percent less than the present lignite power rates. Pumping would be feasible. Water could then be pumped to these dry rivers and lakes where human habitation depends upon them for existence.

The dam would be of gigantic proportions and calls for much more investigation than has yet been made. A revival of navigation on the Missouri opens up a large field of investigation relative to the economic

possibilities of this landlocked Northwest, the relief of freight congestion, the retention of industries now leaving for the seaboard. This Department has not gone into these problems.

From an engineering point of view it is evident that the water is there in abundance but not at the right time. No amount of revetment and channel improvement will make June's water flow in October when our wheat is ready for market. Only a dam and reservoir will do that. A report made by this Department upon the Missouri River Dam in October, 1927, places the cost of the dam at 47½ millions of dollars.

A report by Army Engineers in 1908 upon the cost of reveting and improving the channel for navigation to Sioux City, Iowa, placed that cost at 42½ millions with over a million dollars annual maintenance.* These figures would probably be raised 100% with unit costs as they are now, making 85 million dollars, first cost.

Some maintenance and patrol work upon the river would still be necessary but the dam and reservoir would take the teeth out of the river and make it a docile and useful servant to mankind.

The Army Engineers have taken over the problem again under the recent Act of Congress authorizing an investigation of the streams tributary to the Mississippi River. They are giving it their specific and immediate attention.

This Department is planning on bringing out a report on the meteorological phases of the problem similar to that published for the Mouse River. Measurement of the river at Bismarck will be continued by this Department.

THE LOWER YELLOWSTONE PROJECT

By H. A. Parker, Superintendent

The Lower Yellowstone Federal Reclamation project comprising an irrigable area of about 59,000 acres is an interstate proposition. Approximately two-thirds of the area is in Montana and one-third in North Dakota. The project is being operated by the Government and will be until the end of 1931 when the management of the system will be turned over to the water-users. Since 1926 no appropriations have been made by Congress for operation and maintenance, the entire amount required being advanced by the water users.

A large program of drainage construction was being carried on during 1927 and 1928. To June 30, 1928, there had been built 17 miles of deep drains involving 375,000 cubic yards of excavation and fifty-five miscellaneous structures. It is expected that this work will be about completed by the end of 1929.

*Report of D. W. Lockwood, Colonel, Corp. of Engineers, House Document No. 1120, 60th Congress, 2nd Session.

Irrigation vs. Dry Farming

During 1926 about 23,330 acres were irrigated on which the average crop value was \$32.22 per acre. During the same year about 9,500 acres that could have been irrigated were dry farmed with a return of \$10.53 per acre.

During 1927 the irrigated area dropped to 15,629 acres with an average crop value of \$26.97 per acre. The decrease in acreage was due to the fact that about 12 inches of precipitation fell during the growing season. About 18,300 acres were dry farmed with a return of \$14.77 per acre.

The per acre cost of water was as follows:

Year	Construction Repayment	Operation and Maintenance	Total
1926	\$0.35 (average)	\$1.25	\$1.60
1927	0.75 (average)	1.15	1.90

The beet sugar factory at Sidney has operated each year since 1925. Beets are one of the most profitable crops grown and due to the intensive cultivation required put the land in excellent condition for following crops. The by-products consisting of tops and pulp furnish a large amount of excellent forage, and stimulates the fattening of livestock. During 1926 about 17,000 sheep and 2,300 cattle in addition to the usual project livestock were fattened. In 1927 about the same amount of sheep but somewhat less cattle were fed.

The Government assisted by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways and the Holly Sugar Corporation has carried on quite an extensive campaign to obtain more farmers. This work has been fairly successful considering the weak trend of movement to the farms.

THE MOUSE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

The city of Minot, North Dakota, is displaying unusual foresight in preparing to spend over a million dollars for the control of a flood which has not yet occurred. The reason is that the biennial threatenings which the Mouse River has made are not only an irritating nuisance and a continual drain upon the city treasury but also an intimation of what great damage the river might do when a real flood occurred.

To convince the city that such a great flood is an actual and imminent danger has been the problem of this Department. It is the subject of a technical report included in this volume.

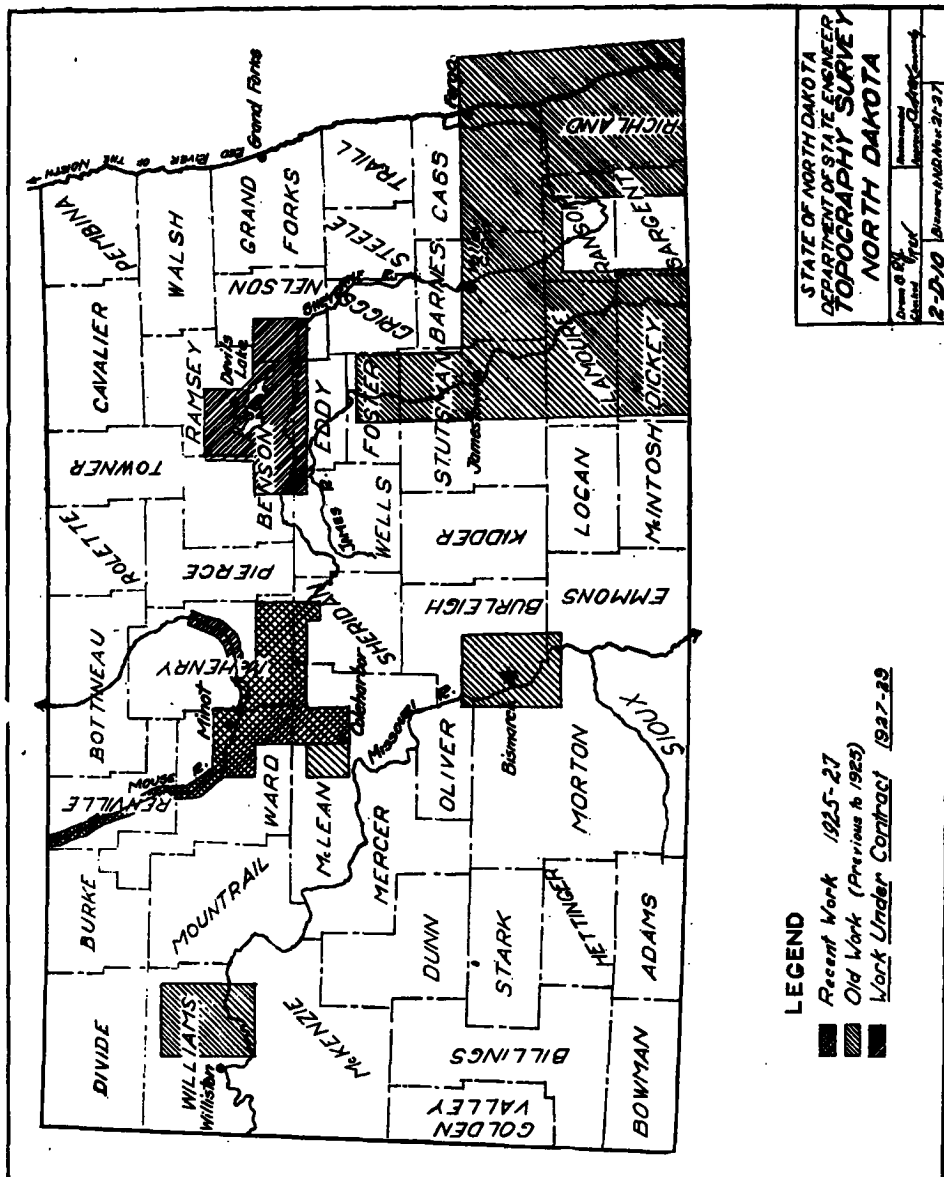


Fig. 1

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Topographic Mapping

Large areas of the state have been mapped in the last two bienniums under a contract with the United States Geological Survey whereby the state bore half the cost. The extent of the area now under topographic survey is shown in Figure 1.

This work was done under the immediate supervision of Captain C. L. Saddler, U. S. G. S., Washington, D. C., to whose careful and conscientious work we are indebted for its excellent accuracy and reliability. The work was authorized primarily for the flood control project at Minot and the Missouri River Diversion to Devils Lake.

In addition it should be noted that these maps are a permanent addition to the information about our state. No other kind of map has so much information packed into a square inch. Roads, buildings, hills, valleys, rivers, lakes, ponds, swamps, reservoir possibilities, dam sites, and drainage areas are all displayed. Moreover the survey leaves bench marks of permanent sea level elevations throughout the territory they have mapped which are a great value to many other lines of engineering endeavors. These maps are now ready for distribution.

Flood Irrigation

A suggestion made by Mr. J. B. Eaton, Denbigh, North Dakota, whereby irrigation of hay meadows might be done at a reasonable expense was incorporated in an act of the last session of the legislature and an appropriation of \$5,000 made for the investigation. A map was prepared by Captain Saddler of the U. S. Geological Survey of that portion of the Mouse River valley in which Mr. Eaton is interested.

In general Mr. Eaton's idea is to construct a dam in the river which will more or less automatically divert the annual spring flows out over the meadows when they are not large enough to overflow the banks otherwise.

The idea has been growing for some time throughout the western part of the state. Where the cost of the dam is nominal the scheme has worked admirably. Mr. Levi Dodge, Reeder, N. Dak., has a dam in a small creek which is practically dry much of the time. There is no gate in the dam. It is simply built so high that the water flows out over his alfalfa field whenever it rains enough upon the watershed above him to cause a flow in the creek. He has about 75 square miles of drainage above him.

Applying the idea on such a large scale as Mr. Eaton proposes raises a problem in which the increased crop values must be balanced against the cost and maintenance of the dam and the probable behavior of the Mouse River. A casual inspection of the proposed dam site indicates that the problem can hardly be answered off-hand. It is a

problem in which the studies of the Mouse River for the flood control problem at Minot will have a pertinent bearing.

If feasible here it will be applicable to many other places on the Mouse and Des Lacs. There is about \$3,200.00 left in the fund. This Department is glad to proceed with a detailed study.

The New England Dam

The city of New England, North Dakota, was desirous of creating a municipal pond and bathing beach in a stream that skirts the city. By making it suitable for the propagation of fish they obtained a substantial contribution from the State Game and Fish Commission. Then by a remarkable demonstration of civic co-operation they constructed a dam and paved the beach with sand almost entirely with donated labor. The dam is a wooden crib structure filled with rock nine feet wide, seven feet deep, and 120 feet long. It would have cost about \$3,000 had it been let by contract. Plans and supervision were furnished by this Department.

Personnel

Robert E. KennedyState Engineer
Maurice DiehlHydrographer
Bayert P. JacobsonDraftsman, Costkeeper, etc.

The Department usually enlarges its organization temporarily during the summer season by the addition of a field party or two.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of July 1st, 1928

Item	Appropriation	Previous Payments	Balance
Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Clerkhire	7,440.00	5,472.08	1,967.92
Postage	300.00	.....	300.00
Office Supplies	300.00	112.66	187.34
Furniture & Fixtures	300.00	.....	300.00
Printing	500.00	20.69	479.31
Miscellaneous	200.00	199.99	.01
Travel Expense	2,000.00	1,628.46	371.54
Field Assistants	2,000.00	769.75	1,230.25
Hydrographic Survey	2,000.00	1,078.98	921.02
U. S. Geological Survey	25,000.00	10,093.44	14,906.56
(Missouri River Diversion)			
Prior	128.32	94.47	33.85
Flood Irrigation	5,000.00	1,679.93	3,320.07
Contingent	500.00	241.97	258.03
Totals	\$51,668.32	\$24,392.42	\$27,275.90

Distribution of Expenditures

	For year ending June 30, 1927	For year ending June 30, 1928	Total
Examination & Surveys (small miscellaneous activities)	\$415.08	\$259.23	\$674.31
Irrigation (surveys for local projects)	1,190.24	199.26	1,389.50
Hydrometry (stream measure- ment and gage observers ' salaries)	1,956.05	2,626.91	4,582.96
Flood Control (Minot and vicinity)	2,076.39	5,536.06	7,612.45
Water resources (Missouri River Diversion)	2,032.05	5,476.97	7,509.02
Topographic Mapping U. S. Geo. Survey	26,700.00	10,293.99	36,993.99
Transfer to Highway Fund (Interdept. accts.)	445.56	.....	445.56
Totals	\$34,815.37	\$24,392.42	\$59,207.99

N. B. Each day's work of each employee is accounted for.

PART II
THE MOUSE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL
PROJECT

Second Report:
METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDRAULIC
STUDIES

Thirteenth Biennial Report
of
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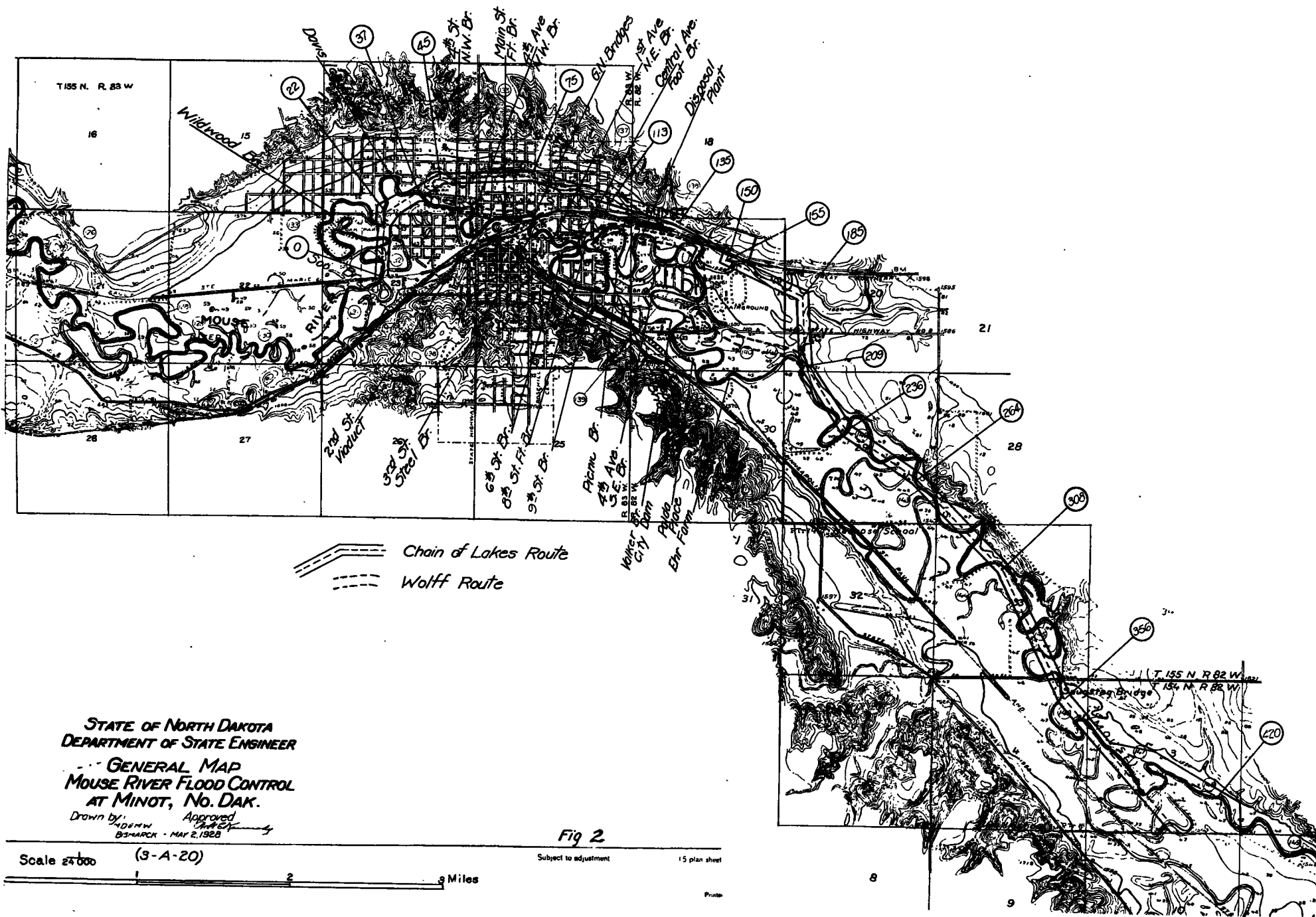
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The work of this report was made possible by the previous endeavor and co-operation of many people to whom the writer feels indebted and only a few of whom can be mentioned.

The most important factor in these investigations has been the gaging record of the U. S. Geological Survey at Minot under the supervision of Dean E. F. Chandler of the University of North Dakota. Topographic maps prepared by Captain C. L. Saddler of the U. S. Geological Survey were of great value. Unstinting co-operation was accorded by the Canadian authorities in furnishing stream and weather records. The office of the City Engineer, W. W. Peterson, and the County Engineer, E. J. Thomas, at Minot gave freely of time, data, and men whenever asked.

The Bureau of Reclamation contributed a valuable report on the irrigation and flood control possibilities of the Mouse River by Mr. Geo. E. Stratton and also loaned the services of Mr. I. B. Hosig for ten days, which were greatly appreciated.

R. E. Kennedy.



THE MOUSE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDRAULIC STUDIES

By Robt. E. Kennedy
State Engineer

Introduction

The Mouse River is a small sluggish Canadian stream which loops thru the northwestern part of North Dakota for about 200 miles by valley as shown on Fig. 1. The city of Minot, North Dakota, a prosperous and progressive city of perhaps 15,000 people, has built a beautiful residence section and an important business district across the rivers flood plain about a mile in width.

In so doing it has trespassed upon sacred ground. Repeatedly the river has risen to reclaim its own. The last three floods have occurred biennially since 1923. This contest with the river over this valuable territory has been a continual and irritating drain upon the city treasury. The 1927 flood cost \$35,000 in cash outlay and probably an equal amount in donated labor by the citizens under quite exciting circumstances.

A preliminary report by this Department, dated October 20, 1927, recommended a flood control channel thru the city because of the absence of suitable dam sites. The cost estimate was \$1,200,000. On July 19, 1928, after the river had staged another small flood that spring, Mr. L. P. Wolff, Consulting Engineer of St. Paul, Minn., with the co-operation of this Department, submitted cost estimates upon six alternate routes thru the city. The one selected by the city is estimated to cost \$1,179,000. It is labeled as the Wolff Route on Figure 2. Mr. Wolff is now proceeding with plans and specifications.

Purpose of this Report

The motive of this paper is to put into report form the meteorological and hydraulic data referred to in the above mentioned preliminary report and show why a flood about fifty percent larger than the present known maximum flood of 1904 is a reasonable possibility.

Summary of Conclusions

(1) **The Snowfall—Stream Flow Relation:** Since we have 25 years of stream flow record at Minot and about 34 years of weather records on the watershed of the Mouse River the first problem is to find, if possible, a reliable relationship between the weather data and the stream flow data so the latter may be extended back to cover the 34 year period. This was done by the aid of the principles enunciated by Mr. Meyer.* The readily ascertainable factors assumed to primarily

*"Elements of Hydrology" Meyer, 2nd Ed. John Wiley & Sons, Chapter XI.

affect the occurrence of spring floods are (a) precipitation available in the spring, (b) degree of winter soil saturation, and (c) type of spring, whether cool or warm.

The curves resulting from these computations, see Figure 3, provide the means of determining roughly this desired snowfall-run-off relation. The stream flow record was thus lengthened about 40%. The curves will be of technical interest in showing how closely they will predict future flows.

(See pages 21 to 35.)

(2) **Probability of Maximum Flood:** When these floods are arranged in descending order of magnitude and plotted on logarithmic paper a curve becomes apparent which may be extended into the upper reaches of great size and rare frequency. The upper limit of the curve is determined by the following considerations.

(See pages 35 and 36.)

(a) **Geographical Limitation:** An inspection of the maps of mean annual rainfall, of the maximum recorded storms, and of the maximum recorded floods over the eastern half of the United States emphasizes the obvious conclusion that a Florida flood will not occur in North Dakota under the present geological status. There is a rough limit to Nature's ability to collect moisture upon the Mouse River watershed.

(See page 37.)

(b) **Frequency of Maximum Flood:** Two of the primary factors causing floods, namely, soil and spring conditions, are propitious for a flood about once in every three years if the moisture is available. The maximum amount of moisture is estimated to be ten inches and to occur about once in not less than 100 years. The chance of these three factors occurring the same year is therefor about once in 300 years. Using that frequency as the upper limit on the curve the corresponding run-off is 1.5 cubic feet per second per square mile of drainage area, or about 18,000 cubic feet per second.

(See page 37.)

(c) **Comparison with neighboring River Systems:** Of the five river systems surrounding the Mouse River watershed the Red River of the North has the largest rainfall and the longest record,—nearly fifty years. A fifty percent increase of its maximum recorded flood used as a basis of comparison produces a roughly computed maximum flood that exceeds by much more than fifty percent the known and recorded maximum flood at practically all of the twenty-four stations on these five watersheds.

(See pages 39 to 40.)

(d) **Rainfall cycles:** The present data have been taken from what may prove to be a dry section of the rainfall cycle which is known to go in great irregular oscillations of, say, fifty to seventy-five years between peaks with smaller erratic cycles within them. Mr. John R. Freeman after making a study of the fluctuations of the levels of the Great Lakes in 1925 predicted a rise due to a return of greater annual rainfall which seems to be working out as he predicted. A longer

record which included a wet section of the rainfall cycle would probably show the frequency of the maximum flood to be much less than once in 300 years. In any event, we have no way of telling when Nature began counting her time. Its occurrence is inevitable. Procrastination is dangerous.

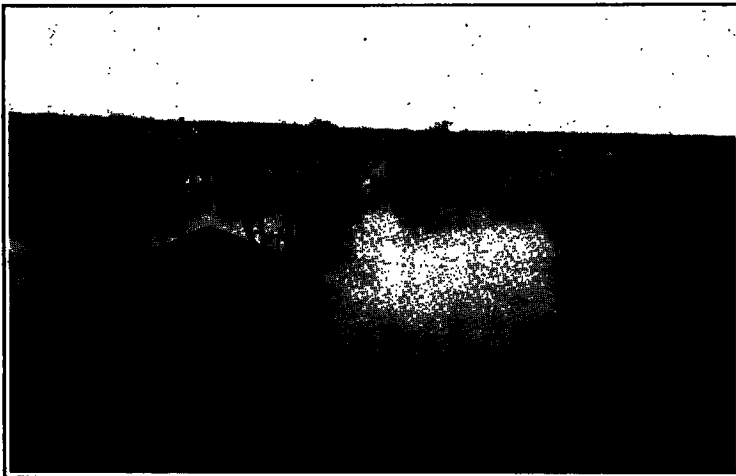
(See page 41.)

(3) **Hydraulic Computations at Minot:** Computations based upon values of Kutter's "n" as determined from the 1927 flood indicate that the city in reclaiming the river bottoms has contributed to the flood hazard by encroaching upon the river's right of way. The top width of the channel is 30% less and the depth 1.5 feet more thru the city than thru the country section below. A repetition of the 1904 flood would reach a foot higher than it did in 1904 and an 18,000 second-foot flood would rise four feet higher than the 1927 stage.

(See pages 40 to 46.)

(4) **Flood Damages:** If Minot had been a city of its present size in 1882 and experienced the ten subsequent floods they probably would have cost on an average of about \$25,000 a year. This is a continual outlay with no respite in sight. Temporary diking is not a solution. There is no protection worthy of the name that does not include the maximum probable flood.

(See pages 46 to 47.)



Looking up the Mouse River from the Second Street Viaduct, Minot, N. Dak., April 27th, 1927.

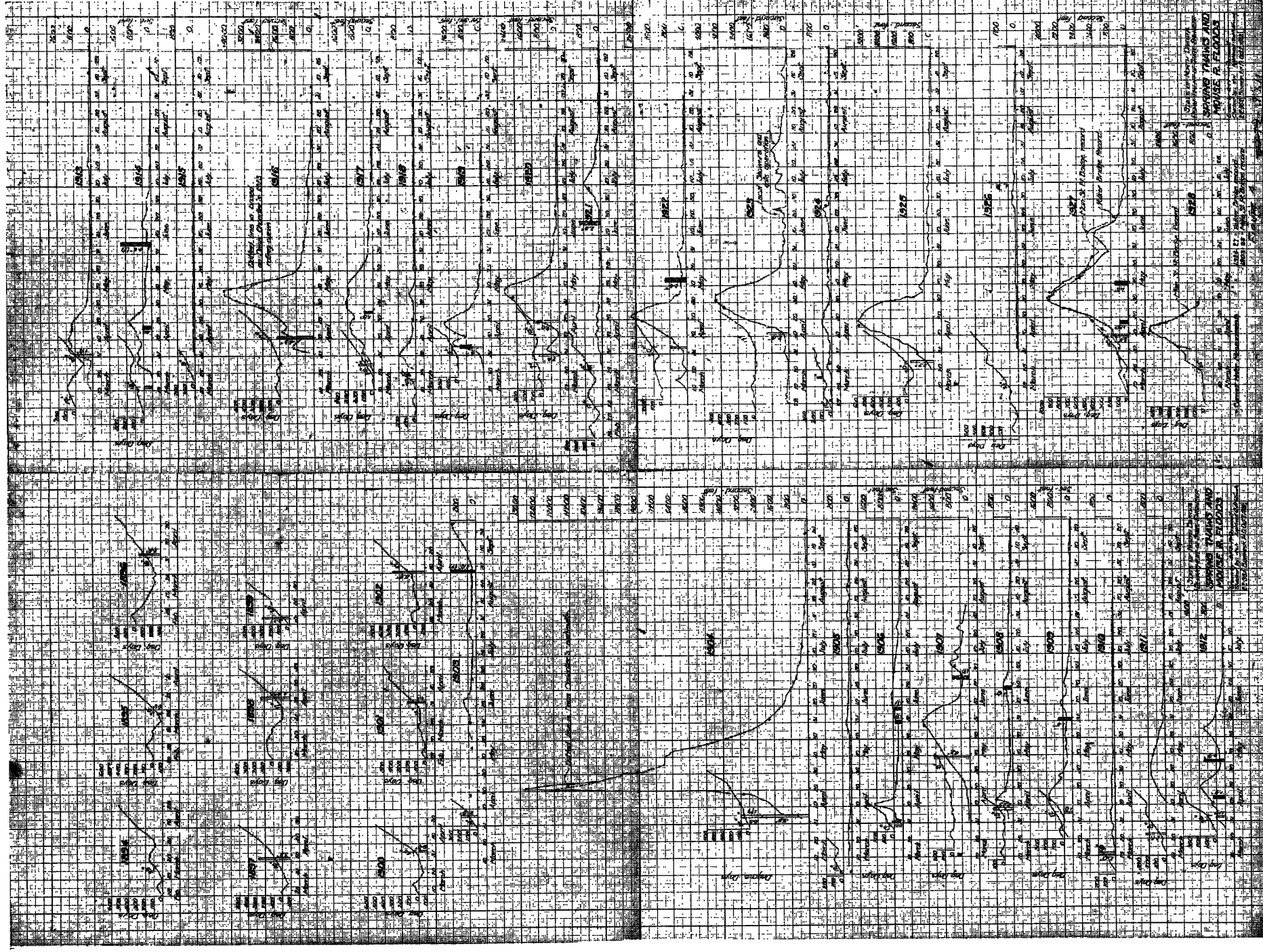
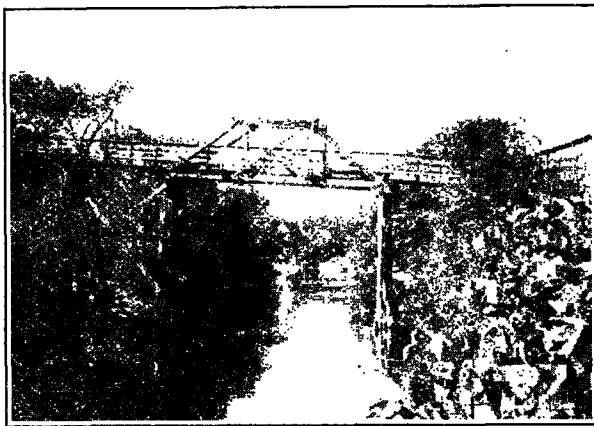


Fig. 4. Mouse River Hydrographs, Spring Temperature Curves, and Precipitation.

(5) **Miscellaneous Problems:** Opportunity is afforded to discuss three mooted questions, (a) the effect of the Park Board Dam upon flood stages through the city, (b) the effect of land drainage in Canada upon flood stages here, both of which are shown to be negligible, and (c) the extent to which flood prediction is feasible, which is shown to be limited to general quantities as to amount and about three weeks as to time.

(See pages 47 to 51.)



The Mouse River at low stage. The Main Street Foot Bridge Gaging Station, August 1927.

METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDRAULIC STUDIES

The Snowfall—Stream Flow Relation

We can merely hope to isolate some of the more readily determinate factors which cause floods on the Mouse River, trusting that the many indeterminate and unknown factors will in the main counter-balance each other. The results indicate that they usually do, altho sometimes, instead, they combine together against us and overbalance the factors upon which we depend.

We may state with assurance, however, from an inspection of the hydrographs given in Figure 4 that all floods of any size in the 25 years of record have come invariably from the melting of winter snows. Summer floods are rare and of nominal amount. Judging from the probability curve of rainstorm floods, Figure 7, the maximum rain water crest will never exceed 1800 to 2000 second-feet which is the bank full capacity of the stream at Minot. The topography is exceedingly flat. Evaporation and transpiration consume practically all the summer precipitation. The annual run-off averages only 1.3% of the precipitation, see Table 3.

STATION	CLASS	ELEV	YEARS OF RECORD											TOTAL YEARS OF RECORD	NUMBER OF MONTHS MISSING
			1885	1890	1895	1900	1905	1910	1915	1920	1925				
SASKATCHEWAN															
Akronado	II	1903												14	58
Amelia	II	1995												6	33
Cartyle	II	2077												6	6
Cedoux	III	1949												5	16
Ceylon	III													6	3
Dirt Hills	II	2350												14	41
Estevan	II	1870												26	86
Fleming	II	1796												6	34
Francis	II	1974												6	6
Greifell	II	1964												42	78
Indian Head	II	1936												38	31
Monar	II	2080												18	62
Midvale	II	1908												6	6
Moosomin	II	1892												15	44
Qu'Appelle	I	2138												45	5
Rodville	III*													4	20
Regina	II	1885												19	15
White wood	II	1975												14	1
Yellow Grass	II	1889												17	30
MANITOBA															
Elkhorn	II	1640												12	41
Pierson	II*	1538												23	137
Pipestone	II*	1457												12	76
NORTH DAKOTA															
Bowbells	II	1958												14	13
Crosby	II	1954												21	15
Dannybrook	I*	1760												28	21
Foxholm	II	1657												7	0
Howard	II	2275												21	7
McKinney	II	1640												34	7
Minot	II	1557												32	33
Portal	II	1953												15	31

CLASSIFICATION

- I = Government Weather Bureau Station
- II = Cooperative Weather Bureau Station
- III = Precipitation Station
- * Record for Summer months only

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE ENGINEER
**CHART OF
WEATHER STATIONS
MOUSE R. FLOOD STUDIES**
Drawn by R.W.K. - M.W. Reclamation
Checked by R.W.K. Approved (P. Reclamation)
2-D-22 Bismarck, ND May 24, 1928

TABLE I

TABLE 2-AVERAGE PRECIPITATION MOUSE RIVER BASIN
FROM SELECTED STATIONS

	JAN.		FEB.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUG.		SEPT.		OCT.		NOV.		DEC.	
	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep	Ave	Dep
1894	37	-0.70	91	-0.13	2.03	+0.66	1.22	-0.83	3.08	-0.31	.96	-1.88	1.20	-0.75	1.67	0.00	1.32	+0.32	.56	-0.26	.33	-0.26	1372	704
1895	34	-0.23	.06	-0.88	.99	-0.18	2.28	+0.23	2.11	-0.28	4.19	+1.85	1.86	-0.59	1.19	-0.48	.31	-0.63	.86	+0.04	.43	-0.16	1859	189
1896	110	+0.46	22	-0.35	.39	+0.05	2.12	+0.69	4.01	+1.96	4.10	+0.71	1.83	-0.51	.99	-0.68	.25	-0.75	.16	+0.85	.36	-0.15	1869	189
1897	31	-0.33	1.01	+0.44	.93	-0.11	.88	-0.29	.38	-1.67	3.93	+0.94	1.76	-0.58	1.22	-1.23	.27	-1.40	.43	-0.57	.86	+0.34	1606	189
1898	20	-0.44	64	+0.07	1.68	+0.94	.86	-0.31	.61	-1.54	3.49	+0.10	2.28	-0.66	2.11	+0.16	2.25	+0.58	2.06	+1.06	.59	-0.23	1700	189
1899	.67	+0.03	.10	-0.47	1.67	+0.13	.47	-0.70	2.72	+0.67	3.42	+0.03	1.61	-0.73	1.50	-0.45	.65	-1.02	2.07	+1.07	.24	-0.58	1659	189
1900	.21	-0.43	.92	+0.95	.75	-0.19	.36	-0.81	1.42	-0.63	.78	-2.61	2.43	+0.09	3.54	+1.67	1.27	+0.27	1.27	+0.27	.11	-0.29	1646	189
1901	.27	+0.23	.72	+0.15	.54	-0.40	1.70	+0.53	.52	-1.53	5.50	+2.11	.43	+1.97	1.36	-0.59	.35	+1.87	.44	-0.51	.16	-0.66	3278	190
1902	.32	-0.32	1.32	+1.35	.13	+1.15	.76	-0.41	3.80	+1.75	4.77	+1.38	1.50	-0.44	1.68	-0.07	.35	-1.32	.77	-0.53	.72	-0.10	1933	190
1903	.49	0.15	.41	0.16	.63	-0.31	.83	-0.34	4.08	+2.03	2.20	-1.19	2.94	+0.60	5.60	+3.65	.42	-0.25	.42	-0.58	.63	-0.19	2347	190
1904	.72	+0.08	1.46	+0.89	3.04	+2.10	.52	-0.65	1.40	-0.65	2.72	-0.67	2.24	-0.10	1.44	-0.31	.29	-0.40	.71	-0.29	.28	-0.54	1727	190
1905	.36	-0.28	.44	-0.13	.40	-0.54	.45	-0.72	2.95	+0.90	3.94	+0.15	3.40	+1.06	2.39	-0.44	.53	-0.47	1.02	+0.20	.43	-0.16	1889	190
1906	.95	+0.31	.20	-0.37	.19	-0.75	1.62	+0.45	2.87	+0.82	5.78	+2.39	.94	-1.40	1.24	-0.71	.73	-0.66	.047	+0.53	2.05	+1.23	1616	190
1907	.95	-0.31	.25	-0.32	1.16	+0.22	.86	-0.29	.65	-1.40	3.25	-0.14	2.22	-0.12	2.88	+0.93	.82	-0.85	.13	-0.87	.16	-0.66	76	190
1908	.20	-0.44	1.03	+0.42	1.49	+0.35	1.54	+0.37	1.83	-0.22	4.38	+0.99	1.35	+0.39	1.32	-0.35	.57	+0.54	.57	+0.54	.93	+0.11	1638	190
1909	.65	+0.61	.47	-0.10	.48	-0.46	.57	+0.40	3.74	+1.69	1.38	-2.01	1.92	-0.82	1.77	-0.18	.16	-0.51	.57	-0.43	.92	+0.10	1904	190
1910	.25	-0.33	.50	-0.07	2.31	+1.37	1.09	-0.08	2.61	+0.56	3.40	+0.01	1.92	-0.82	1.89	-0.06	.64	-1.03	.36	-0.62	1.94	+0.52	1804	190
1911	.97	+0.33	.54	-0.03	.28	-0.66	.40	-0.77	2.82	+0.77	2.49	-0.90	2.56	+0.22	2.94	+0.99	.27	-0.60	1.64	+0.64	.77	-0.05	204	190
1912	.30	-0.14	.13	-0.44	.42	-0.52	1.55	+0.36	4.61	+2.56	1.07	-2.32	.910	-0.16	1.10	-0.24	2.56	+0.91	.74	-0.24	.35	-0.21	1741	190
1913	.77	+0.13	.43	-0.00	.85	-0.03	.45	-0.72	1.72	-0.33	3.88	+0.49	2.16	-0.16	3.02	+1.67	1.32	-0.35	.128	+0.08	.33	-0.11	111	190
1914	1.09	+0.15	.23	-0.34	.76	-0.18	1.11	-0.06	1.98	-0.07	4.30	+0.91	2.14	+0.40	1.91	-0.04	.74	-0.59	.82	-0.18	.67	-0.15	161	190
1915	.31	-0.33	.25	-0.28	.16	-0.78	.45	-0.72	2.12	+0.07	2.96	-0.43	3.45	+1.11	.74	-1.21	.22	+0.56	.31	-0.69	.164	+0.82	1569	190
1916	.19	+0.85	.36	0.01	.49	+0.55	1.28	+0.11	1.74	-0.31	3.66	+0.21	1.22	-1.12	2.05	+0.14	.65	+0.55	.49	-0.45	.61	-0.32	1676	190
1917	.85	-0.21	.75	+0.16	.61	-0.33	1.28	+0.71	.20	-1.85	1.97	-1.42	1.48	-0.86	1.39	-0.56	.91	-0.76	.46	-0.40	.12	-0.70	94	190
1918	.54	-0.21	.30	-0.57	.62	-0.32	1.96	+0.79	1.36	-0.69	1.08	-2.31	1.63	-0.71	.91	-1.16	.61	-0.39	.70	-0.12	.83	+0.35	1280	190
1919	.30	-0.34	.76	+0.19	.62	-0.32	1.74	+0.57	1.87	-0.18	2.53	-0.86	2.06	-0.22	.90	-1.05	1.12	-0.55	1.49	+0.45	.88	+0.06	474	190
1920	.51	+0.51	.31	-0.25	.10	-0.16	.75	-0.42	1.68	-0.87	3.40	+0.10	2.34	-0.00	.47	-0.48	1.73	+0.09	1.4	+0.14	.34	-0.46	25	190
1921	.23	-0.41	.49	-0.68	.81	-0.10	1.83	+0.66	2.40	+0.95	5.32	+1.93	.48	-0.77	3.16	+1.40	.75	+0.25	1.27	+0.45	.27	-0.38	218	190
1922	.41	+0.13	.69	+0.11	.56	-0.64	1.45	+0.26	3.43	+1.38	3.50	+0.11	2.30	-0.44	.63	+0.06	.87	-0.12	.87	-0.12	.71	-0.12	1932	190
1923	.77	+0.13	.79	+0.12	.75	-0.19	1.84	+0.67	1.19	-0.86	5.62	+2.27	3.87	+1.47	1.36	-0.59	.57	-1.01	.82	-0.18	.102	+0.20	396	190
1924	.53	-0.11	.46	-0.11	.55	-0.32	.65	-0.48	.41	-1.64	3.86	+0.47	1.49	-0.85	2.25	+0.30	1.60	-0.67	2.66	+1.68	.85	+0.05	1675	190
1925	1.04	+0.40	.45	-0.12	1.16	+0.22	1.03	-0.14	.86	-1.19	1.09	+0.70	1.57	-0.77	.77	-1.12	.303	-0.32	1.01	+0.01	.43	-0.39	1665	190
1926	.47	-0.11	.48	+0.11	.45	-0.51	.57	-0.60	2.94	+0.29	3.36	-0.01	1.71	-0.63	2.92	+1.25	2.34	+0.49	1.49	+0.49	.19	+0.55	1742	190
1927	.40	-0.22	.69	+0.12	1.39	+0.15	.96	-0.21	3.07	+1.02	1.59	+1.80	.171	-0.63	2.92	+1.25	2.34	+0.49	1.49	+0.49	.19	+0.55	1742	190
MEAN	.664		.657		.694		.717		.803		.839		.734		.195		.167		.082		.759		.711	

The three readily ascertainable factors which are taken to be the primary causes of floods on the Mouse River are:

- (1) Precipitation available on the watershed after deducting the principal winter losses.
- (2) Degree of winter soil saturation as judged by fall conditions just prior to winter freeze-up.
- (3) Type of spring weather, whether cool and hence slow, or warm and hence fast in melting the snow.

Precipitation Available: The monthly precipitation for the watershed was obtained from the monthly record of the most pertinent stations, see Table 1 and Fig. 1. Table 2 gives the result with departure from the normal. Temperature records, Table 4, were taken from the North Dakota weather stations along the border because of their accessibility in the U. S. Weather Bureau at Bismarek, N. Dak. Comparison with selected stations over the watershed, Table 5, indicates that the spring melting temperatures are practically the same. Figure 5 shows graphically the data in Tables 2 and 4.

The major winter loss is evaporation. It was obtained by entering the curve given by Meyer* entitled "Evaporation from Water, Ice and Snow" with the monthly temperature from Table 4 and deducting the corresponding evaporation from the monthly precipitation in Table 2 beginning with November and ending with the probable maximum melting day in the spring. Snow on the ground during months of no precipitation sustained the same losses. The net sum at the end of the winter was the precipitation available for spring run-off.

Degree of Soil Saturation: Snow water must first go down to fill the soil if it is not already filled before the remainder can run-off. November rains are rare, but were considered. October rains primarily determine winter soil condition. September and August to a much more remote degree. Five general degrees of soil saturation were arbitrarily assumed and only generally followed. They are labeled with words rather than inches and are given at the bottom of Table 6. The results are found in column 2 of the table. The type of fall was usually quite apparent. The four erratic years in Figure 3 could not be reconciled with any reasonable digression from the assumptions.

Type of Spring Weather: The size of flood is materially influenced by the character of spring weather. It will be noticed that the 1928 flood was due almost entirely to the four unusually hot melting days of March 19-22. The amount of water actually contained in the total flow was about 10% less than that of the remarkably cool spring of 1907 but the peak flood was about 40% greater.

*Ibid, Page 235.

TABLE 3—RUN-OFF IN INCHES OVER WATERSHED OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. D.

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915
Jan.	.....	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Feb.	.....	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mar.	.....	0.002	0.009	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.016	0.013	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.019	.....
Apr.	.....	0.483	0.006	0.045	0.013	0.031	0.072	0.017	0.034	0.069	0.079	0.064	0.002
May	0.026	0.496	0.007	0.016	0.154	0.014	0.030	0.011	0.046	0.032	0.015	0.023	0.002
June	0.032	0.080	0.010	0.040	0.081	0.024	0.032	0.005	0.014	0.024	0.005	0.026	0.002
July	0.028	0.028	0.008	0.022	0.048	0.013	0.008	0.002	0.004	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.002
Aug.	0.019	0.013	0.007	0.006	0.011	0.010	0.004	.....	0.002	0.001	0.002	.....	0.001
Sept.	0.030	0.008	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.001	.....	.....	0.003	.....	.....	0.001
Oct.	0.030	0.007	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	.....	.....	0.003	0.005	.....	.....	.....
Nov.	0.016	0.005	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.003	.....	.....	0.003	0.004	0.002	.....	.....
Dec.	0.008	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002	.....	.....	.....	0.001	0.002	.....	.....
Total Run-off	0.227	1.130	0.064	0.146	0.326	0.108	0.165	0.048	0.105	0.171	0.128	0.137	0.010
Total Precipn	.....	17.3	18.9	.....	17.1	18.4	19.0	16.8	18.0	17.8	16.4	16.6	15.7
1916	.....	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	Means
Jan.	.....	0.001	.....	0.001	.....	.....	0.001	.....	0.001	0.002	0.002	.....	0.001
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.001	.....	.....	0.001	.....	.....	.....
Mar.	.....	0.008	0.027	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.017	0.009	0.011	0.012	0.002	0.018	0.007
Apr.	0.143	0.090	0.025	0.119	0.086	0.018	0.111	0.140	0.026	0.238	0.006	0.154	0.088
May	0.205	0.082	0.011	0.020	0.125	0.006	0.032	0.138	0.016	0.032	0.007	0.223	0.071
June	0.033	0.019	0.002	0.003	0.013	0.005	0.013	0.023	0.014	0.013	0.009	0.080	0.024
July	0.021	0.007	.....	0.001	0.004	0.030	0.005	0.050	0.008	0.006	0.015	0.020	0.014
Aug.	0.006	0.001	.....	.....	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.026	0.003	0.004	0.008	0.012	0.006
Sept.	0.003	.....	0.001	.....	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.007	0.001	0.004	0.005	0.011	0.005
Oct.	0.003	.....	0.002	.....	0.001	0.001	.....	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.003
Nov.	0.003	0.003	0.002	.....	0.001	0.001	.....	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.002
Dec.	0.002	0.002	0.002	.....	0.001	0.001	.....	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.002	0.002	0.002
Total Run-off	0.419	0.213	0.072	0.146	0.234	0.031	0.213	0.397	0.089	0.325	0.062	0.526	0.223
Total Precipn.	18.8	12.5	13.2	14.7	15.8	21.2	19.3	20.0	16.8	15.6	17.4	17.1

TABLE 4 - MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURES
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	JAN		FEB		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUG.		SEPT.		OCT.		NOV		DEC.	
	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.	Mean	Dep.
1894	-0.5	-5.3	2.5	17.6	1.5	11.0	2.5	11.4	5.5	17.0	6.4	18.1	7.0	15.6	7.3	16.1	5.2	11.2	3.9	-2.0	21.8	-3.1	14.0	-3.1
1895	-4.8	-9.6	5.0	-2.7	2.1	11.1	4.6	11.3	5.8	-2.5	5.8	-2.5	7.0	11.3	5.1	-1.1	5.2	-1.1	4.0	-1.9	7.0	-1.9	10.1	1.1
1896	2.0	-2.3	12.6	14.0	1.8	-1.5	3.9	-2.2	5.4	12.2	6.4	14.1	6.3	13.5	6.5	14.1	5.2	-3.6	3.9	-2.1	3.8	-2.1	13.2	-1.1
1897	2.9	-1.9	3.6	-4.1	5.8	11.5	4.4	-0.1	5.7	15.5	5.9	11.4	6.5	14.1	6.3	-1.0	6.1	-7.2	4.3	11.5	14.1	10.5	9.6	1.1
1898	12.5	17.7	9.2	14.5	14.0	-6.3	3.6	-1.9	5.0	11.0	5.8	-1.5	6.5	-0.6	6.4	-0.4	5.3	10.1	3.5	-6.7	18.8	-6.1	13.8	12.3
1899	1.4	-3.4	0.1	-7.6	5.2	-15.1	1.4	-6.5	4.6	-1.7	5.4	-1.6	6.5	11.6	6.7	10.2	5.7	-0.1	3.8	-3.1	3.7	12.1	13.3	12.3
1900	5.0	10.2	5.9	-1.8	2.3	11.3	4.1	10.1	6.2	11.0	5.3	-1.9	6.8	12.0	6.1	-3.0	4.9	-4.7	4.6	-1.1	2.7	12.1	16.2	-1.7
1901	12.0	17.2	7.4	-0.3	2.1	11.5	3.0	-2.5	5.1	10.6	5.4	-1.9	6.5	-1.4	6.5	-0.4	5.6	-2.2	4.2	10.1	2.4	-2.2	16.9	1.3
1902	7.2	12.4	1.0	-8.6	1.7	-2.6	1.6	-2.7	4.9	-2.1	5.4	12.1	6.4	12.1	6.2	-1.3	5.1	-0.9	4.6	12.7	2.2	-2.9	14.2	1.2
1903	12.0	17.2	7.4	-0.3	2.1	11.5	3.0	-2.5	5.1	10.6	5.4	-1.9	6.5	-1.4	6.5	-0.4	5.6	-2.2	4.2	10.1	2.4	-2.2	16.9	1.3
1904	3.7	-1.1	-7.0	-14.7	1.7	-2.6	1.6	-2.7	4.9	-2.1	5.4	12.1	6.4	12.1	6.2	-1.3	5.1	-0.9	4.6	12.7	2.2	-2.9	14.2	1.2
1905	0.4	-4.4	5.8	-1.9	3.1	11.5	3.7	-2.9	4.4	-4.9	5.7	-4.3	6.2	-1.3	6.0	12.8	5.1	10.9	3.7	-0.9	2.3	14.1	15.6	14.1
1906	9.0	14.2	6.4	-1.3	1.2	-8.1	-7.2	10.7	4.9	-2.9	6.0	-1.3	6.5	-0.5	6.4	12.8	5.1	10.9	3.7	-0.9	2.3	14.1	15.6	14.1
1907	-10.6	-15.4	7.8	10.1	1.6	-4.2	2.7	-13.5	4.3	-11.8	5.7	-3.5	6.1	-4.6	6.0	12.8	5.1	10.9	3.7	-0.9	2.3	14.1	15.6	14.1
1908	15.1	20.3	12.3	14.6	2.2	11.5	3.1	11.0	4.3	-1.2	5.9	-2.0	6.6	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1909	1.2	-3.0	6.0	10.3	2.2	11.5	3.1	11.0	4.3	-1.2	5.9	-2.0	6.6	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1910	10.2	-5.1	2.8	-4.9	10.2	11.9	4.0	11.5	4.9	-2.8	6.4	-3.3	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1911	-3.8	-8.0	5.1	-2.6	2.7	11.5	3.1	11.0	4.3	-1.2	5.9	-2.0	6.6	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1912	-4.0	-8.8	9.6	14.9	9.6	-0.7	4.2	11.9	5.2	-0.3	6.1	-0.2	6.2	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1913	0.0	-0.8	7.8	10.1	1.7	-2.9	4.5	11.3	4.8	-3.5	6.1	11.0	6.3	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1914	13.7	18.3	0.5	-7.2	2.5	11.5	3.1	11.0	4.3	-1.2	5.9	-2.0	6.6	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1915	5.8	11.0	15.9	18.2	2.4	12.1	1.9	11.5	5.2	-0.1	5.0	-5.1	6.0	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1916	-12.2	-17.0	1.1	-6.6	1.5	-6.8	3.2	-4.3	4.8	-3.1	5.8	-5.5	6.4	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1917	2.3	-2.5	0.2	-7.5	2.4	12.1	1.9	11.5	5.2	-0.1	5.0	-5.1	6.0	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1918	-0.8	-5.0	10.6	12.9	3.6	11.5	4.0	11.0	4.9	-2.8	6.4	-3.3	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1919	1.9	-1.7	1.8	-2.9	1.4	-0.0	4.2	11.6	5.4	11.0	6.4	12.1	6.3	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1920	2.6	-2.2	1.7	-5.6	1.4	-0.9	3.1	-9.1	5.0	10.7	6.1	11.6	6.4	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1921	16.0	21.2	18.7	11.0	2.4	12.1	1.9	11.5	5.2	-0.1	5.0	-5.1	6.0	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1922	6.7	11.9	-1.8	-9.5	2.3	11.5	4.0	11.0	4.9	-2.8	6.4	-3.3	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1923	8.6	13.8	2.8	-4.9	1.8	-1.6	3.8	-2.0	5.3	10.9	6.5	11.6	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1924	1.4	-3.4	2.0	14.3	2.5	11.5	3.0	-2.5	4.7	-4.9	5.8	-3.3	6.5	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1925	3.0	-1.8	14.0	16.3	2.4	12.1	1.9	11.5	5.2	-0.1	5.0	-5.1	6.0	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1926	17.5	22.7	2.4	16.7	2.7	11.5	4.0	11.0	4.9	-2.8	6.4	-3.3	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
1927	5.5	10.7	1.7	11.0	2.1	11.5	4.0	11.0	4.9	-2.8	6.4	-3.3	6.7	12.1	6.1	-2.7	5.7	14.0	4.0	-1.6	3.0	16.1	16.4	14.3
Mean	1.8	7.7			2.3		4.0		5.2	6.3			6.4		6.4		5.3		4.9		2.9		11.5	

TABLE 5
TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS AT SELECTED STATIONS ON MOUSE RIVER WATERSHED TO COMPARE
AVERAGE WITH CROSBY, N. D.

Station	Elevation, Sea Level Datum	Years of Record	Mean Annual Temperature Total Record	Mean Annual Temperature 1920-26	Mean Monthly Temperature Nov-Apr. 1920-27	Ave. No. Melting Days Nov-Apr. 1920-27	Ave. Temp. of Melting Days Nov-Apr. 1920-27
Qu Appelle, Sask.	2,115	(15 yrs.)	34.6°	36.3°	17.5°	12.9	40.3°
Yellow Grass, Sask.	1,889	(17 yrs.)	36.2°	37.3°	18.3°	14.5	41.0°
Crosby, N. Dak.	1,951	(21 yrs.)	37.9°	39.3°	20.8°	15.6	41.8°
Minot, N. Dak.	1,750*	(32 yrs.)	38.9°	38.9°	21.5°	17.6	43.0°
Average	1,927		36.9°	38.0°	19.5°	15.1	41.6°

*This is general elevation of the plain back from the river valley.

Elevation of Minot is given in Weather Bulletins as 1557 which is elevation of G. N. Depot in river bottom. Weather station is located in river bottom at approximately same elevation.

TABLE NO. 6 (Continued)

NOTES

Previous Fall Soil Condition as Determined by Departure from Monthly Precipitation, see Table 2,

	Very dry	Dry	Ave.	Wet	Very wet
August	-1.50 in.	-1.00 in.	± 0.50 in.	± 1.00 in.	± 1.50 in.
September	-1.00 in.	-0.75 in.	± 0.30 in.	± 0.75 in.	± 1.00 in.
October	-0.75 in.	-0.25 in.		± 0.25 in.	± 0.75 in.

Type of Spring

N. B. Upward slope temp. curve is thawing, downward slope is freezing, see Fig. 4.
 Cool: Slope temp. curve 5° to 10°. Ex. 1907, 1911.
 Warm: Slope temp. curve 10° to 25°. Ex. 1904, 1906.
 Intermittent warm: Two or more warm spells. Ex. 1913, 1921.
 Hot: Slope temp. curve 25° or more. Ex. 1912, 1928.

TABLE 8
MOUSE RIVER FLOOD TRAVEL

Precipitation					Run-off									
Year	SNOW	RAIN	Oxbow, Sask.			McKinney, N. Dak.			Minot, N. D.			Towner, N. Dak.		
	Probable max. melting day at Crosby, N. D.	Date	Date of Souris R. crest	Days in transit	Gage Ht.	Crest amt. ft. above Minot, N. D.	Date of Mouse R. crest	Days in transit	Gage Ht.	Crest amt. ft. above Minot, N. D.	Date of Mouse R. crest	Days in transit	Gage Ht.	Crest amt. ft. below Minot, N. D.
1903		Aug. 27					Sept. 24	28	21.9	1,134				
1904	Apr. 29						Apr. 20	16	21.9	12,000				
1906	Mar. 29						Apr. 10	12		1,320				
1907	May 8						May 28	20	16.0	2,190				
1909	Apr. 5						Apr. 13	8		1,090				
1912	Apr. 2						Apr. 20	18		1,200				
1913	Mar. 31	May 4-5	Apr. 13	11+		1,047	May 24	19		983				
1914	Mar. 31		May 17	12			Apr. 4	4		1,080				
1916	Apr. 10	Apr. 17-18	Apr. 2	2			Apr. 20	39	19.05	1,080				
1925	Mar. 25		Apr. 14			1,674	May 5	25		3,140				
1919	Apr. 4		Apr. 24	14			Apr. 16	22		1,140				
1920	Apr. 19						Apr. 18	14		1,860				
1921		June 14-17					May 5	16	17.1	2,560				
1922	Apr. 3						July 10	23		790				
1923	Apr. 11						Apr. 21	18	17.1	2,570				
1925	Mar. 25						Apr. 30	19	19.6	3,460				
1927	Apr. 8	Apr. 16-17	Apr. 18 (?)	10	17.3		Apr. 18	24	19.6	3,450				
1928	Mar. 19	May 8-10	Mar. 28	9	13.1	2,400e	Apr. 30	22	20.17	3,770	May 15	37	7.9	1,600e
							June 7	28		1,910				
							Apr. 12	24	18.35	2,900	Apr. 21	33	7.1	1,400e

NOTES: Oxbow, McKinney, and Towner discharge figures are rough estimates based on limited rating curves.

Gage heights at McKinney and Oxbow corrected to present gages.

*From elevation of definitely identified 1904 high water mark, local conditions not materially changed.

†Oxbow data 1912-16 taken from Glen Egan record 18 miles below Oxbow by river.

e-Estimated.

WINTER MELTING DAYS ON MOUSE RIVER WATERSHED AS RECORDED AT PORTAL AND CROSBY, NORTH DAKOTA

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Figure 2.2

Table 7

The temperature of the winter and spring melting days is given in Table 7. With a straight edge one can pick out at a glance the character of the winter and spring that preceded the various flood years.

These spring melting temperatures are plotted graphically with the hydrographs, Figure 4, with Degree-Days as the Y-axis. They give a curve of the accumulated maximum daily temperature readings in Fahrenheit degrees above or below freezing beginning with the first practical melting day in the spring. Upward slope indicates melting and downward slope indicates freezing. The pitch of the line indicates roughly the intensity of each. The degree shown in figures on the curves are given to indicate the general rate of warming up for comparison between the years.

The "Probable maximum melting day" in column 3 of Table 6 is the first of a few days when in common parlance the snow seems to all go off at once. They are of course more pronounced in some years than others. They usually occur when the maximum daily temperature has reached around 50 degrees and about 100 degree-days have accumulated. By that time the minimum temperatures thru the night are usually about freezing or above since the average daily range is about 20 degrees.

These probable maximum melting days when pronounced throw the water out of the snow condition onto the soil in a manner comparable to a hard rain storm. This is attested by the fact that many of the snow water crests travel along the river in about the same time as do the rain water crests as may be seen in Table 8, Mouse River Flood Travel.

The occurrence of rain during the melting period has the effect of a warm melting day and contributes directly to the precipitation available. Such a coincidence has occurred several times on the Mouse River and is shown under each hydrograph, Figure 4, in the precipitation available. This was one of the primary causes of the Dayton, Ohio, flood of 1913. It is considered here a minor contingency because of the slight rainfall.

In the classification of springs, Table 6, only warm or hot springs are considered conducive to large floods. Greater refinement was not attempted.

The Snowfall—Run-off Curves: When these data were assembled and plotted as shown in Figure 3 most of the curves could be identified, some had to be interpolated, and some were entirely missing. They are necessarily rough because of the brevity and paucity of the record. But they bring a semblance of order out of what is otherwise a mere riot of figures. Four of the eighteen floods used failed to fall into the scheme. The 1904 flood fell so far out that it is not shown. It also failed to fall on the proper curve but it is thought to be due to the brevity of the early record.

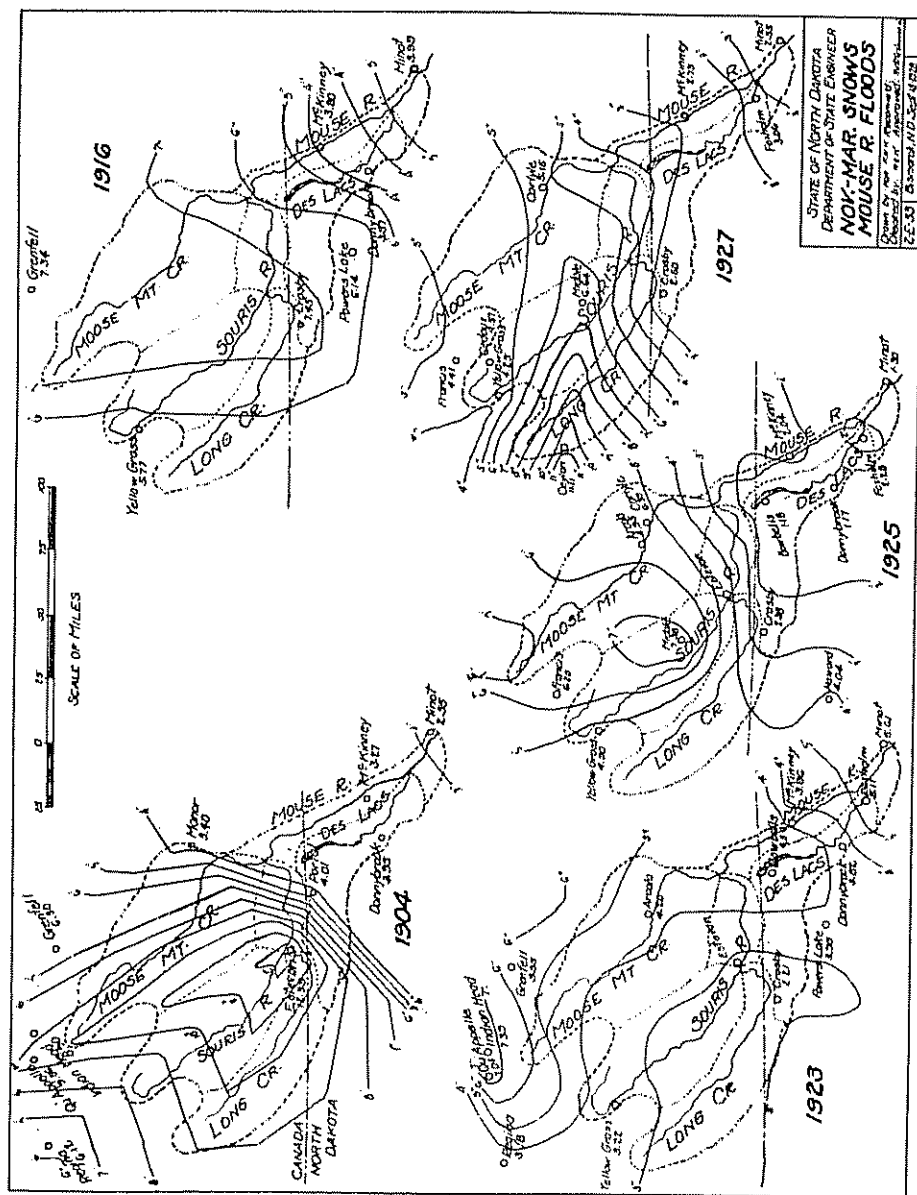


Fig. 6. Location of November to March Snow Accumulation Causing Mouse River Flood at Minot, N. Dak.

The wind shown in Fig. 6 furnished the 1904 flood at only station flood. There been heavily

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The winter precipitation of the five principal floods is plotted and shown in Figure 6. This gives an idea of what part of the watershed furnished the precipitation for each flood. It will be noticed that the 1904 flood came mostly from around Estevan. Moreover, that was the only station that showed the necessary precipitation to produce such a flood. There is no record for the entire central portion. It must have been heavily loaded with snow also.

If the curve labeled "Average Fall—Warm Spring" was extended to the 1.1 inch run-off which was recorded at Minot for the 1904 flood it would indicate a net available precipitation over the watershed of about eight inches instead of the five and one-half inches as computed from the weather records. That seems the more reasonable.

These curves are used to estimate the total amount in inches of the spring run-off that occurred prior to 1903 when the gaging station was established at Minot. The probable flood crest for these years as shown in Table 6 is the estimate used in the probability curve.

Probability of Maximum Flood

Probability: From the data given in Table 6 it may be ascertained that the small spring flow of 1917 was of such a size that 14 other spring flows of equal or greater amount exist in the record of 34 years. Greater flows must be included because that amount flowed in them also. Fourteen such flows in 34 years is one about $2\frac{1}{2}$ years apart. If we had 100 years of record, chances are that the frequency of that size of run-off would still be somewhere between two and three years apart. The majority of the flows are small.

The 1927 flood was a flow of rather unusual amount. Its size has occurred three times in 34 years or about once in 11 years. The 1904 flood has occurred once in 34 years or if we wish to include the 1882 flood it has occurred twice in 48 years or once in 24 years. A longer record would reveal a still different and of course more accurate frequency. It turns out to make little difference in the location of the curve what frequency is assigned to the first two or three floods in the list.

Probability Curve: Arranging the spring flows as given in Table 6 in a consecutive order of magnitude beginning preferably with the largest we have a series of events the first one of which occurred once in 34 years, the next twice in 34 years or 17 years apart and the third one three times in 34 years of about 11 years apart and so on. Plotting these on logarithmic paper, Figure 7, a curve may be drawn thru these points which may be extended beyond the length of our present record into the upper reaches of great length of time and great floods. The upper limit of the curve must be determined by other considerations.

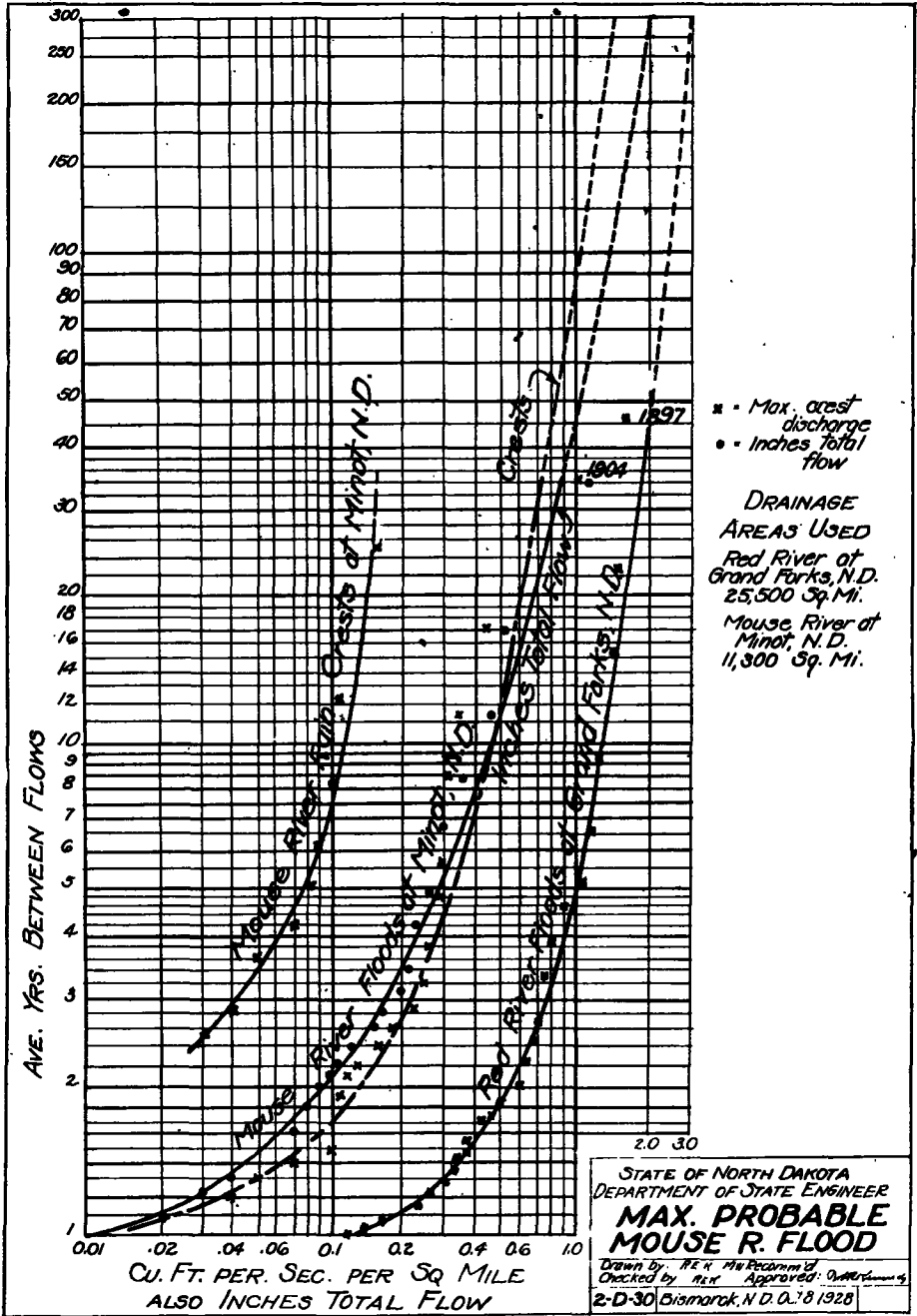


FIG. 7

Geographical Limitations: The lines of mean annual precipitation drawn upon a map of the Great Plains and eastern part of the United States show a definite decrease in amount with increase of distance from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Maps showing the maximum storms over this area also show a decrease of intensity with distance from the seaboard. A map showing the location of maximum recorded floods also shows the influence of geographical location.

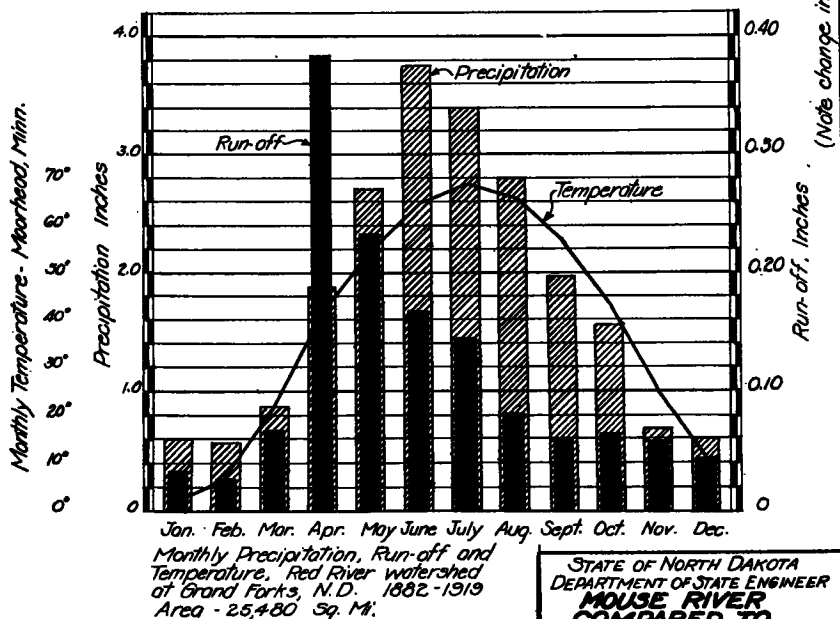
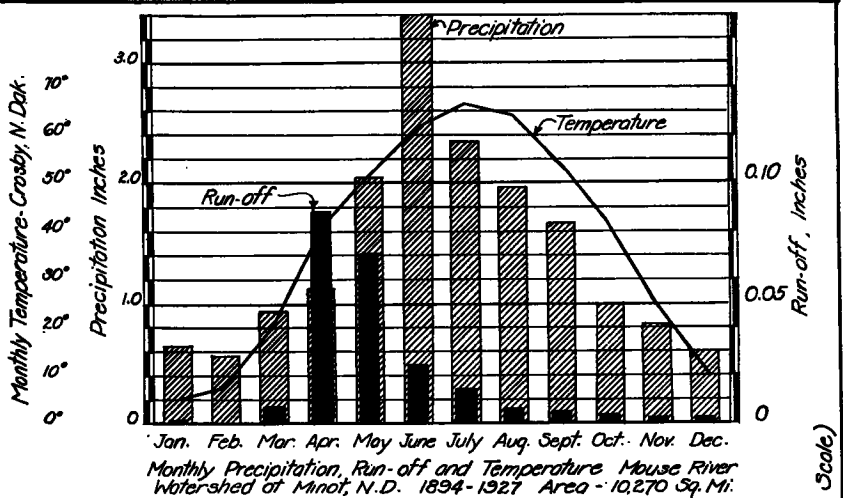
The Mouse River watershed is located about as far as possible from the general source of moisture supply of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Some hydrologists deny the effect of geographical location on the assumption that our brevity of record has not yet revealed the tropical-like flood in the remote regions. But it seems more logical to assume that under the present geological status the above indications point to a rough limit beyond which Nature cannot go. That is our quest. The procedure is to determine the frequency of such a flood and then by applying it to the curve find the corresponding size.

Frequency of Maximum Flood: Two of the primary causes of Mouse River floods, proper soil condition and propitious spring weather, occur so often that their frequency rate is fairly reliable. A maximum flood must be preceded, let us assume, by an average to wet fall soil condition which occurs about once in every 1.6 years. And that it will require a warm to hot spring which has occurred about once every 1.9 years. The product of these two rates of occurrence is three, meaning that the soil and temperature conditions are prepared for a flood on an average of about once every three years if the moisture is available.

If the precipitation data given in Table 6 be arranged and plotted on logarithmic paper, not shown but readily constructed and 5.5 inches is used for the year 1904 it will be noticed that the ten inch point falls entirely outside the curve. But using the 8 inches as derived from the run-off curve then the 10 inches of precipitation has a frequency of once in not less than 100 years. But assuming 100 years then the chance of these three conditions occurring at one and the same time is about once in 300 years. Entering the curve, Figure 7, with a frequency of 300 years the corresponding run-off is 1.5 second-feet per square mile, or 18,000 second-feet which is fifty percent larger than the 1904 flood.

These assumptions are more or less arbitrary. But it is thought that a dry winter soil and a slow, cold spring, which are the two conditions not included in the above consideration, would take such a toll of the available precipitation through evaporation and deep percolation that even though the maximum existed on the watershed the run-off would not be the maximum although of course it would be large.

The curve of total volume of flow indicates that floods of larger total volume are more apt to occur than those of greater peak discharge.



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2-D-29, Bismarck, N.D. Oct. 4, 1928

FIG 8

One would infer that from the hydrographs. In fact, the extreme sharpness of the 1904 hydrograph is hard to explain. Ice jams have been suggested but the short time of travel, Table 8, from the probable maximum melting day to Minot gives no time for them to form above the city. They would hardly all accumulate and break at once. The shape of the curve does not suggest a jam, either, although it would indicate that they collected at several places a short time after the peak went through.

Comparison with Neighboring River Systems: The Red River of the North is an adjacent watershed to the east with a record dating back to 1882 at Grand Forks, N. Dak. Topographically the watersheds are similar in that both are quite flat. Comparison of the general meteorological data is shown in Figure 8. The Red River has greater proportional June and July run-off. Summer floods are proportionally larger and more frequent. The mean annual temperature is somewhat higher, the average annual rainfall is 25% greater and the average annual percent of the rainfall that runs off in stream flow is 500% greater than that of the Mouse River.

The Red River floods plotted on the probability curve in Figure 7 indicate that a fifty percent increase of its maximum recorded flood or 2.5 c. f. s. per sq. mi. has a frequency of about once in 100 years. Using this figure as a basis comparison was made with 24 other stations on five surrounding river systems. Results are given in Table 9. For simplicity the inverse ratio of the square root of the respective drainage areas was used after the Jarvis-Meyer* suggestion. No co-efficient was attempted to cover the numerous other factors such as, rainfall, temperature, elevation, and so on. The results are necessarily rough and probably unnecessarily large in many cases. However, it may be noted that this computed maximum flood exceeds by more than 50% the known maximum flood at practically all stations except two and they are on the Yellowstone and North Saskatchewan both of which drain extensive Rocky Mountain topography. Comparative probability curves indicate that the Mouse River is one of those whose maximum by area alone is unnecessarily large. If fifty percent is good for the Red River it should be ample for the Mouse River.

Factors used in other flood studies are of casual interest. Simons and King in their extensive study of the Red River flood problem propose a factor of only 20%.** The Miami Conservancy District, Dayton, Ohio, pioneers in this type of study, after making, probably, the most extensive study that has yet been made, decided upon a factor of 40%. The same engineers in studying the Pueblo, Colo., flood in 1921 decided, it is said, upon a factor of 60% increase over that flood as a basis of design.

*Paper No. 1589, "Flood Flow Characteristics," Jarvis, Am. Soc. Civil Engrs., New York.

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TABLE 9—MAXIMUM RECORDED DISCHARGES AT STATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOUSE RIVER

Stream	Station	Years of Record (this report)	Total Years	Drainage area, Sq. Mi.	Max. recorded Discharge			Prob. max. on basis
					Date	Total	Per Sq. Mi.	
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN								
Yellowstone River	Intake, Mont.	1903-1927	25 yrs.	66,090	June 21, 1921	142,000	2.2	1.6
Little Missouri R.	Mcadra, N. D.	1903-08, 1922-26	11 yrs.	6,190	June 24, 1907	22,000	3.6	5.1
Knife River	Brachon, N. D.	1903-26, 1927	24 yrs.	1,200	April 1, 1913	6,350	5.3	11.5
Heart River	Richardton, N. D.	1903-1924	22 yrs.	1,250	June 10, 1908	8,020	6.4	11.3
Cannonball River	Stevenson, N. D.	1903-1927	25 yrs.	3,650	March 2, 1923	6,900	1.9	6.6
RED RIVER OF THE NORTH BASIN								
Red River	Fargo, N. D.	1903-1927	25 yrs.	6,420	July 11, 1916	7,700	1.2	5.0
Red River	Grand Forks, N. D.	1882-1927	46 yrs.	26,480	April 10, 1897	43,000	1.7	2.5
Red River	Emerson, Man.	1912-1924	13 yrs.	34,600	April 24, 1916	46,200	1.3	2.1
Ottotail River	Fergus Falls, Minn.	1904-1917	14 yrs.	1,310	June 23, 1904	1,075	0.8	11.0
Shenenne River	Haggard, N. D.	1902-07, 1919	7 yrs.	5,410	April 28, 1919	2,220	0.4	5.4
Red Lake River	Thief River Falls, Minn.	1909-18, 1920-27	18 yrs.	3,430	April 19, 1916	7,040	2.0	6.8
Red Lake River	Crookston, Minn.	1901-1927	27 yrs.	5,320	July 5, 1919	14,700	2.8	5.5
Pembina, River	Pembina, N. D.	1903-15, 1919-27	22 yrs.	2,960	May 2, 1904	3,870	1.3	7.3
Roseau River	Caribou, Minn.	1917, 1920-27	9 yrs.	1,050	May 24, 1927	3,160	1.9	9.8
ASSINBOINE RIVER BASIN								
Assinboine River	Millwood, Man.	1913-1924	12 yrs.	7,590	April 29, 1922	17,800	2.3	4.6
Assinboine River	Brandon, Man.	1812-1924	13 yrs.	34,500	May 7, 1923	23,000	0.7	2.1
Moosejaw Creek	near Pasqua, Sask.	1910-1924	15 yrs.	1,960	April 18, 1916	2,958	1.5	9.0
Souris (Mouse) River	Wawanesa, Man.	1912-1924	13 yrs.	20,056	April 19, 1916	6,100	0.3	2.8
Souris (Mouse) River	Minot, N. D.	1903-1927	25 yrs.	10,270*	April 20, 1904	12,000	1.1	7.8
Souris (Mouse) River	Estevan, Sask.	1911-1923	13 yrs.	4,900	April 18, 1923	1,680	0.3	5.7
DAUPHIN RIVER BASIN								
Swan River	Swan River, Man.	1912-1924	13 yrs.	1,215	April 25, 1922	8,460	7.0	11.5
Valley River	Valley River, Man.	1912-1924	13 yrs.	1,028	May 5, 1922	5,080	4.9	12.5
SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN								
N. Sask. River	Prince Albert, Sask.	1911-1924	14 yrs.	40,100	July 2, 1915	200,000	4.3	1.9
Battleford, Sask.	Battleford, Sask.	1911-1924	14 yrs.	11,850	April 19, 1921	11,500	1.0	3.7
SWIFTCURRENT CREEK BASIN								
Swiftcurrent Creek	Swiftcurrent, Sask.	1909-1924	16 yrs.	1,160	April 10, 1917	6,300	5.4	11.7
			433 yrs					

*Official area, 11,300 Sq. Mi. used here.

The Rainfall Cycle: An interesting report upon the fluctuations of the Great Lakes made by John R. Freeman in 1925 contains the following paragraph.*

There is every reason to expect from the behavior of the lake levels during the past sixty-five or more years, in course of which they have presented cycles of years of low lake levels—from three to seven years in duration—followed by years of high lake levels, that soon the lakes will again begin to rise from natural causes, chief among which causes is a probable return of larger annual rainfall.

It is a matter of record that the lake levels have begun to rise. To what extent it will continue of course no one can tell but it may be that our data have all been taken from what will prove to be a dry section of the rainfall cycle. This is known to go in great irregular oscillations with, say, fifty to seventy-five years between peaks with lesser but more erratic cycles within these cycles. A series of increased rainfall years may be just ahead of us which would indeed be a great material blessing but it would bring an increased flood hazard. It would change somewhat our computations.

It is immaterial, however, just what particular computed frequency a maximum flood has. We do not know when Nature began counting her time. Such a flood is inevitable and the city intends to stay in these bottoms, apparently, as long as the river does.

HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS AT MINOT

General hydraulic data are given in Table 10. These are based upon a study of the rise and fall of the 1927 flood with the aid of about 17 gage staffs, about 450 daily water surface elevation readings, and 31 measured cross sections. See Fig. 10 and Table 11.

River Encroachment: While Nature is primarily to blame for these floods yet it must be admitted that Minot herself has inadvertantly contributed to a certain extent. These bottoms were originally swampy. They have been filled in and crossed by railway and street grades. The river banks have been raised. Computations reveal the fact that the top width of the water surface at bank full stage is 30% less thru the city than thru the country section below the city for the same discharge. To accommodate itself, the river has dug a little deeper channel thru the city—the average water depth is about 1.5 feet more than thru the country section—but that is evidently not enough to meet the situation entirely for during flood a hump appears in the profile as may be seen at Figure 9 where the water is forced to back up behind this funnel-like section in order to get thru.

*Regulation of the Great Lakes. John R. Freeman, Conclusion (5), distributed by Sanitary District, Chicago.

TABLE 10—COMPARISON OF ENCREACHED MOUSE RIVER SECTION THRU MINOT TO COUNTRY SECTION BELOW

Quantity c. f. s.	City Section		Country Section		Entire Length	
	1890	2700	1890	3770	1890	2700
Ave. top width	108	130	153		126	
Ave. side slopes	2:1					
Ave. cutters "n"	.0474	.0521	.048		.048	
Ave. slope w. s.	0.00019	0.00019	0.00010	0.00010	0.00013	0.00014
Ave. water depth	17.1		15.5		16.4	

Encroached river section thru city as taken from 1927 flood profile is from Davis Ice House to 9th St. S. E. Bridge, 11 measured cross sections; total river dist. is 2.36 ml., direct valley dist. is 1.2 ml.

Country section is taken from Falda Place to Saugstad Bridge, 11 measured cross sections; total river distance is 6.12 miles, direct valley distance is 3.1 miles.

Entire length from Soo Bridge in western edge of city to Saugstad Bridge about 5 ml. east of city has 31 measured cross sections; total river dist. is 14.48 ml., direct valley dist. is 6. ml.

WATER SURFACE ELEVATIONS FOR VARIOUS FLOOD DISCHARGES

	8,770 c. f. s.		12,000 c. f. s.		18,000 c. f. s.	
	In 1927		In 1904		In 1927	
	Gage Height	U. S. G. S. Elevation	Gage Height	U. S. G. S. Elevation	Gage Height	U. S. G. S. Elevation
Main St. Ft. Br.	20.17	1,554.03	21.9	1,555.76	23.0	1,556.8
4th Ave. S. E.	.....	1,550.00				(1,552.8)
Ehr Farm	.....	1,549.18				(1,551.5)
Saugstad Br.	.....	1,546.00				(1,553.3)
						(1,556.6)

Elevations are on observed water surfaces or known high water marks except where shown in () which are computed.

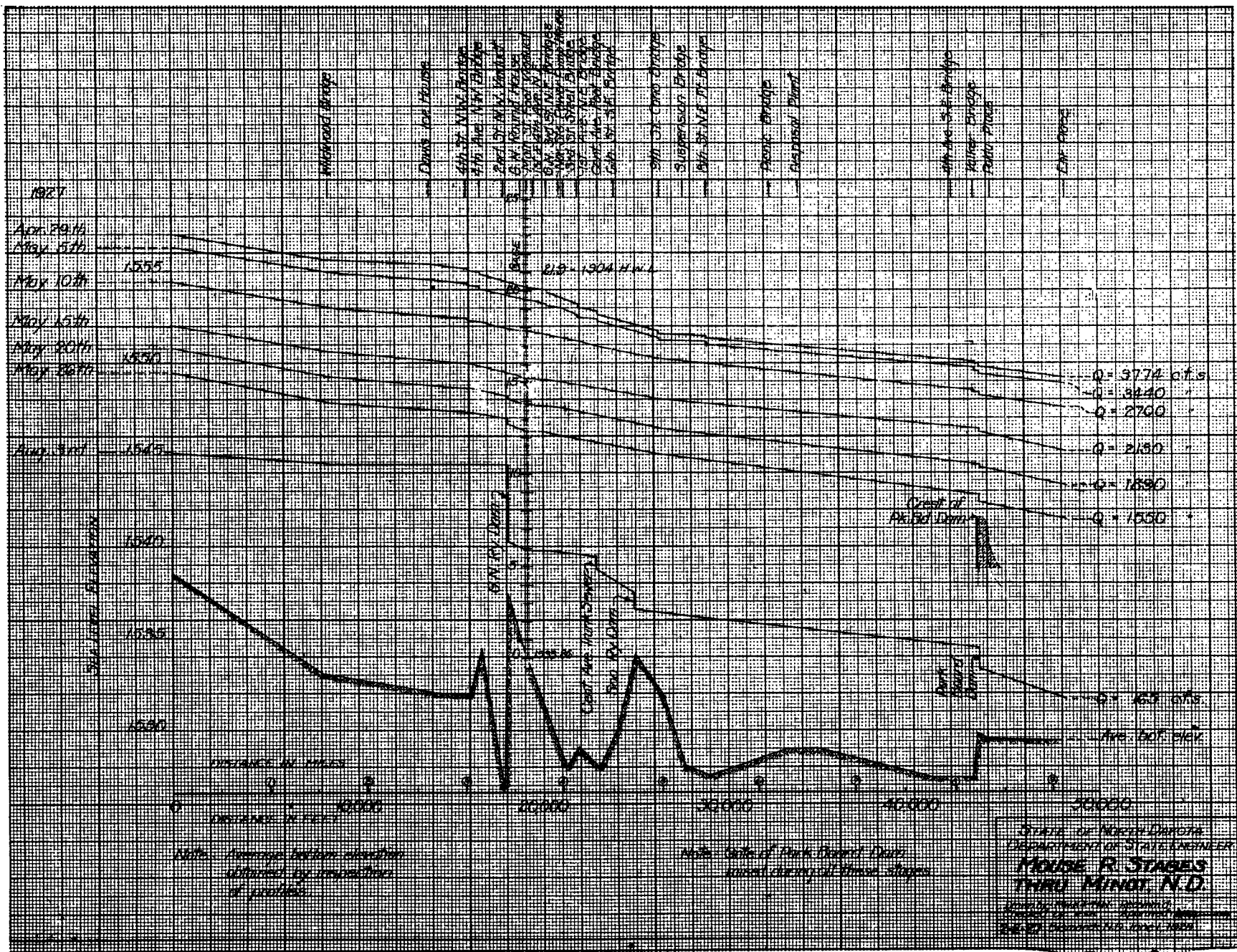
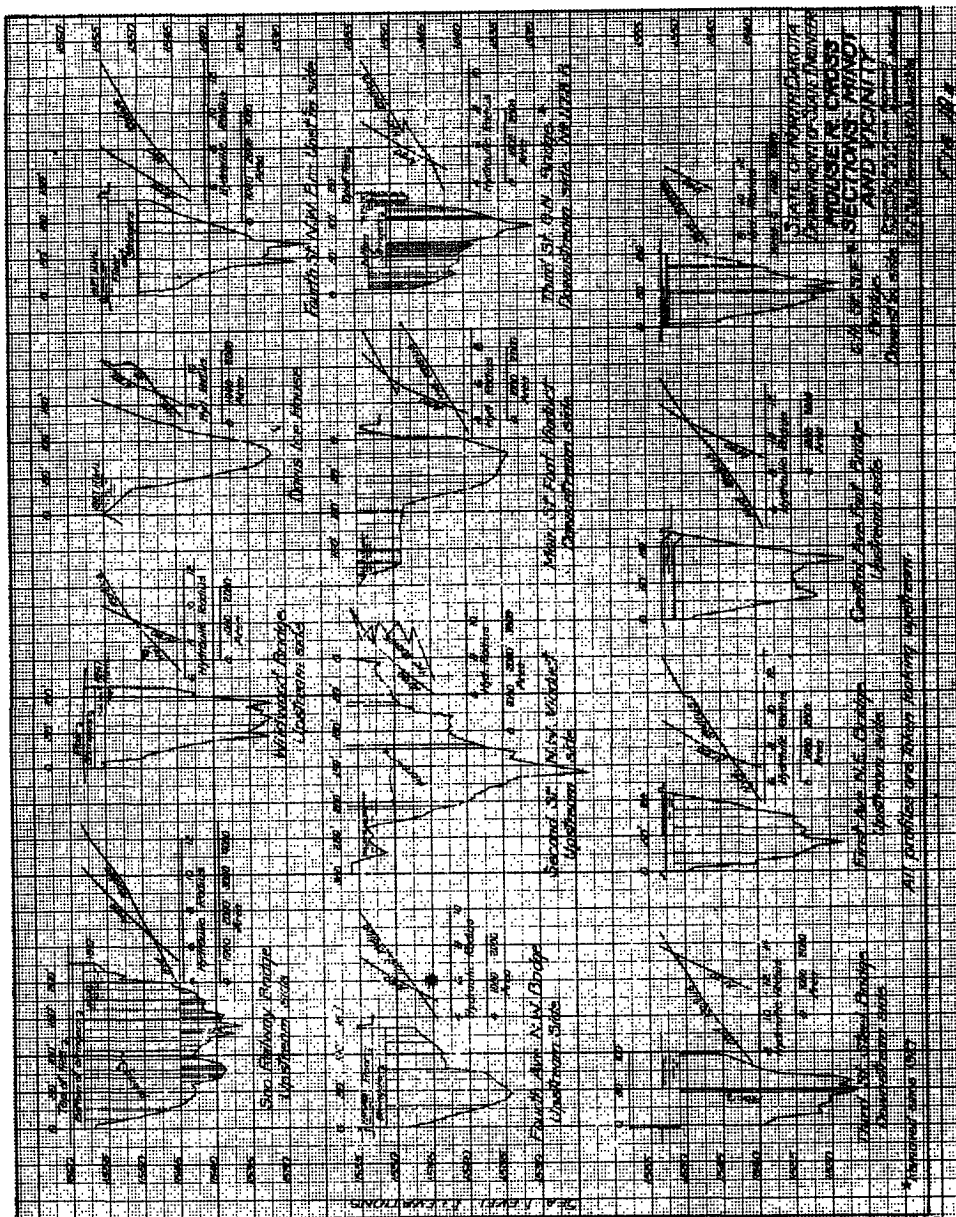


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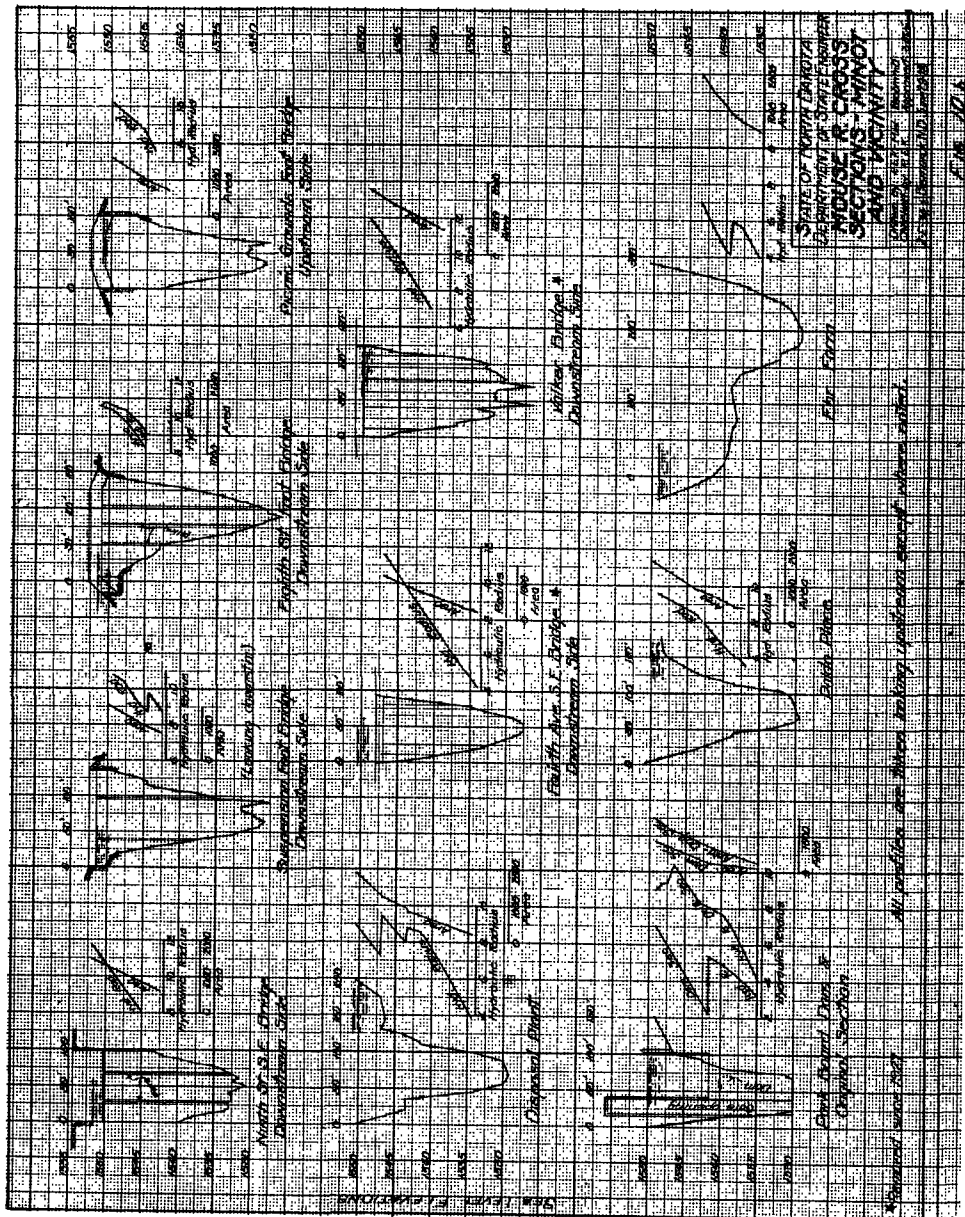


TABLE 11.—SAMPLE HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. D.
DISCHARGE 1890 C. F. S. MAY 20, 1927 (GAGE HEIGHT AT MAIN ST. FT. BRIDGE 13.93)

Station & dist. bet.	Water Depth	Top Width	Hyd. Rad.	Area Sq. Ft.	"n"	Eng. Gr. Slope	Vel. h ^v	Vel. h ^v	Head Frict. h ^f	Head Losses h ^b	Elev. Ridge. Grad.	Elev. Engd. Obsvd.	Elevation Water Surf. Compd. Obsvd.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
G. N. Bridges ¹	16.6	115	7.3	930	.057	0.00036	2.03	0.06	0.16	0.03*	1547.71	1547.65	1547.65
725 St. Steel Br. ✓	19.5	98	10.8	1300	.050	0.00009	1.45	0.03	0.09	0.06*	47.52	47.49	47.49
3rd 885 Ave. NE Br.	18.3	94	9.7	1050	.050	0.00014	1.80	0.05	0.12	0.06*	47.37	47.32	47.32
1040 Cent'l Ave. Ft. Br.	19.2	104	9.9	1180	.050	0.00010	1.60	0.04	0.17	0.04*	47.25	47.21	47.21
1000 6th St. S. E. Br. ¹	17.0	94	8.0	910	.050	0.00024	2.08	0.07	0.49	0.03*	47.04	46.97	46.97
2350 9th St. S. E. Br. ✓	14.5	98	8.9	1000	.047	0.00018	1.89	0.06	0.16	0.03*	46.52	46.46	46.46
1150 Suspension Ft. Br.	18.3	105	9.4	1100	.047	0.00011	1.72	0.05	0.16	0.03*	46.36	46.31	46.31
1450 8th St. SE Ft. Br.	18.6	113	9.6	1200	.047	0.00010	1.58	0.04	0.15	0.03*	46.18	46.14	46.14
3100 Picnic Ft. Br.	17.8	100	9.2	1200	.047	0.00010	1.58	0.04	0.31	0.03*	45.87	45.83	45.83
1800 Disposal Plant	16.6	114	8.9	1100	.047	0.00013	1.72	0.05	0.21	0.03*	45.66	45.61	45.61
7000 4th Ave. S. E. Br. ¹	17.2	87	10.3	1010	.047	0.00011	1.87	0.05	0.84	0.03*	44.79	44.74	44.74
2450 Walker Bridge ¹	17.0	108	9.3	1220	.047	0.00009	1.55	0.04	0.24	0.06*	44.40	44.45	44.45

* Bridge since replaced by present structure.

* Estimated from observed bridge losses for other stages.

All computations are in feet.

N. B. Observed water surface elevation is for down stream side of bridge. Head loss due to the bridge is included in the section above.

Explanation of Computations (See next page).

EXPLANATION OF COMPUTATIONS

Column (a) and (b) are taken from profile and placed here for reference in other computations. (c) is hydraulic radius and is equal to area divided by wetted perimeter. Hyd. Rad. (c) and area (d) were taken from curves shown on the profiles. (e) (f) (g) are three factors which together with (c) exists in equilibrium for any section. They comprise Kutters formula and are arranged in tables for convenient use. (h) is the velocity head and is the vertical distance from the water surface to the energy gradient. It is also the distance a particle of water or any object would have to fall in order to attain a vertical velocity equal to the velocity of the water passing that point as given in column (g). It is derived from the law of falling bodies $V^2 = 2gh$ where "g" is acceleration due to gravity.

Column (i) is the average slope of the energy gradient multiplied by the distance between stations. (j) is difference in water surface above and below bridge. This is assumed for convenience to be a loss in energy gradient elevation which is not correct in theory.

Check on the work is contained in columns (k) (l) and (m). (k) must equal computed water surface elevation (l) plus velocity head h_v (column h). Change in elevation of (k) is by sum of head losses (i) plus (j). Changes in the value of "n" will affect (f) and (i) so that (l) will agree with (m). Where (n) is not known "n" must be assumed. Then changes in (l) must be made until the head losses (i) and (j) will produce a water surface elevation (l) corresponding to (c) and (d).

Probable High Water Marks: This same condition appears in computations for large floods. A 1904 flood repeated under present conditions, as computed from high water marks found below the city where conditions have not materially changed, would reach a foot higher on the gage than it did then. An 18,000 second-foot flood, if conditions developed as computed, would rise four feet higher than the 1927 flood. Of course, this is little better than a scientific guess since it has not yet occurred and no high water marks are available. It was obtained by trying water surface elevations in the computations until the energy gradient was practically parallel with that computed for the 1904 flood with a slight divergence upstream. Mr. Stratton, in his irrigation report on the Mouse River, gives a figure for the elevation of this sized flood which is 0.6 feet higher.*

FLOOD DAMAGES

The great building activity in the Mouse River bottoms at Minot occurred after the 1904 flood while the river was quiescent for eleven years and thus encouraged a sense of unwarranted security. The flood in 1927 was the third of a series of biennial floods of about the same size which is indeed a freak of Nature, but a smaller flood again in 1928 put on the cap sheaf. The city is fully aroused to the seriousness of its flood hazard problem.

It is the earnest solicitation of this Department that this interest be crystallized into concrete action before it becomes dissipated, especially should the Mouse River become quiescent again for a few years. When it arouses itself the next time the city may not escape so easily.

Estimate of Damages: Let us assume for purposes of estimate that the city has been in existence in its present size since the flood of 1882

*Exhibit F, Report on Mouse River Project, Stratton, 1927, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior.

or about 47 years. During that time it would then have experienced ten floods. Three of these would have overtopped any feasible system of diking along the present river channel. This is assuming that a 4000 second-foot flood,—which is 0.4 feet higher than the 1927 stage,—is the largest that can be thus handled. Two of these floods, the 1904 and the 1882 flood would have cost the city a half million dollars apiece, surely a conservative estimate. The 1902 flood would cost, say, \$150,000 and the seven other floods \$40,000 each. The total is roughly \$1,180,000 in 47 years or about \$25,000 a year. This is interest at 8% on three million dollars, and a continual outlay with no end in sight. In fact it may be decidedly increased in the next fifty year period if a few wet years intervene.

Temporary diking has saved the city once and is held by many to be sufficient. Mr. Wolff in his report has shown that the cost of cleaning and diking the present river channel to make it carry a little more water is merely a continuation of the present policy of throwing money into the river. There is no protection worthy of the name that does not include a probable maximum flood.

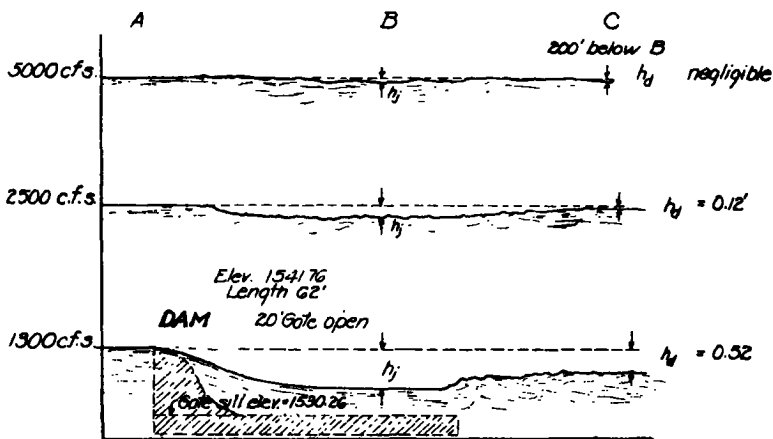
MISCELLANEOUS MOUSE RIVER PROBLEMS

The Park Board Dam

A word has been promised relative to the effect of the Park Board Dam upon the present flood stages. This has been a bone of contention since it was built in 1922 whenever highwater occurred. On the face of the records there is ground for complaint. The 1916 flood, which was the last one before the dam was built, was rated at 4,340 second-feet with a gage height of 19.05 feet. The flood of 1923, the year after the dam was built, was rated at 3,460 second-feet or about 900 second-feet less, while the gage height was 19.65 or 0.6 feet higher. Plaintiffs naturally figured that the dam made the difference.

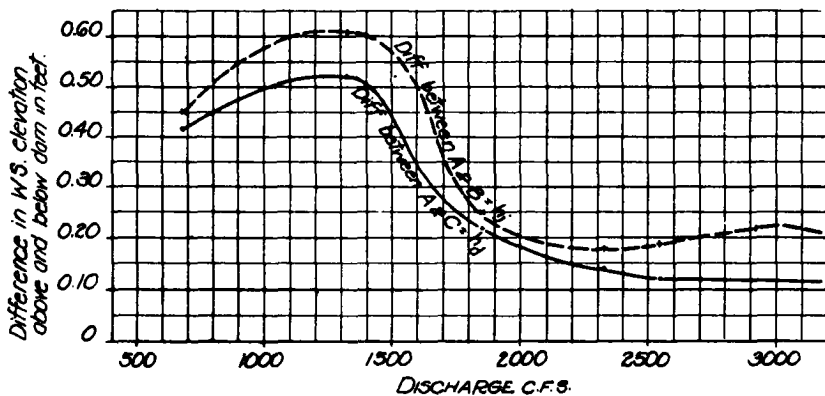
Dean Chandler has explained the discrepancy, however. No flood of any size occurred between 1904 and 1916. The 1904 measurements were uncertain because the river was so torn up by that flood. In 1916, he got a measurement before the crest arrived but the crest got by without a measurement. So his rating curve for quantities above what he measured had to be more or less of an approximation. He got the necessary measurements in 1923 and reconstructed his rating curve. Applying it to the 1916 gage height gives a crest discharge of only about 3,140 second-feet. From that it is evident that the stream flow data offer no actual light upon the subject.

The effect of a dam upon a stream is to raise the water surface above the original elevation in the form of a wedge, the maximum rise being right at the dam and the tapered end extending upstream. It is known as a back water curve. Measurement of this difference at the dam was made for several stages and are given in Figure 11. It was



OBSERVED DATA

DATE	DISCHARGE c.f.s.	WATER SURFACE ELEVATIONS			A-B- h_f	A-C- h_f
		At "A"	At "B"	At "C"		
April 27, 1928	694	1537.43	1536.98	1537.01	0.45	0.42
April 20, 1928	1313	1542.42	1541.81	1541.90	0.61	0.52
April 18, 1927	1850	1544.04	1543.79	1543.82	0.25	0.22
April 16, 1928	2320	1547.31	1547.13	1547.17	0.18	0.14
April 15, 1928	2546	1547.87	1547.68	1547.75	0.19	0.12
April 11, 1928	2927	1548.65	1548.43	1548.53	0.22	0.12



Maximum obstruction to river occurs when water just begins flowing over dam.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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**EFFECT OF
PARK BOARD DAM
ON MOUSE R. STAGES**

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greatest when the water was just going over the top of the dam. The amount was about six inches.

The reason for this will be seen if one will follow the water as it rises behind the dam. Very small flows, of course, go thru the gate opening without obstruction. But as the water rises the amount of the cross section of the stream which is blocked by the dam remains practically the same until the crest of the dam is reached. Or, one might put it another way and say that that area of the dam which is wet compared to the total cross section of the river just upstream from the dam remains practically constant. For instance, at a water surface elevation of about 2 feet below the crest 64% of the cross sectional area of the channel is in concrete. Just at the crest of the dam 66% of the cross section is in concrete.

But when the water begins to rise above the crest and flows over it then the cross section of the stream increases but the area in the dam remains the same of course. When the water has reached the 1927 stage only 25% of the total cross section of the stream is in the dam.

The obstructive effect is not directly proportional to these percentages of constriction but may be considered for easy computation more nearly proportional to their squares. The squares of 66 and 25 are in the ratio of about 7 to 1. The obstructive effect of the dam upon the river at the 1927 flood stage is according to that about one-seventh of what it is when the water is just going over the crest. Actual measurements show about one-fifth. In any event it is small, about an inch or so, and that tapering off less and less upstream.

Land Drainage on Canadian Watershed

The Souris River (Mouse on our side of the line) in the vicinity of Yellow Grass, Sask., has been confined in a ditch about 13 miles long and an area of about 10,000 acres of land has been reclaimed and become a prosperous farming section. A question was raised as to the effect of what is presumed to be an increased run-off facility upon the crest of the floods at Minot.

It is the opinion of the writer that the effect is negligible. First, the area benefitted, 10,000 acres, is very small compared to the area of the watershed that must be covered to produce even a moderate flood. If one-third of the water-shed produced the 1927 flood that would be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ million acres. Ten thousand acres is four-tenths of one percent. That is closer than that sized flood can be measured with a current meter. Second, this drainage district is located about 10 miles above Weyburn, see Figure 12, or about 340 miles upstream by river channel above the city. That is a long distance for a small swell to travel and be detected.

Finally argument can be advanced that drainage ditches actually tend to reduce the crest of a flood to a certain more or less theoretical

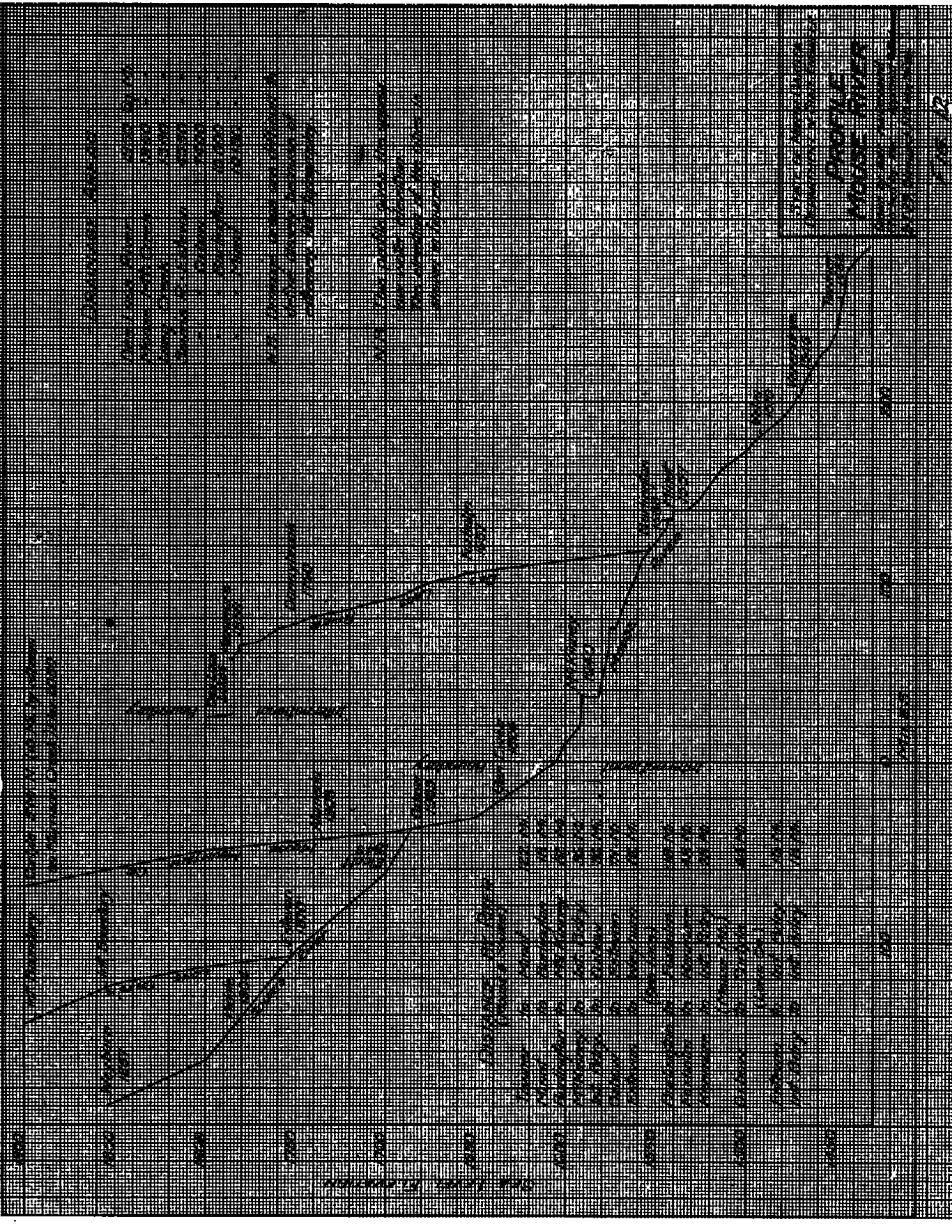


Fig. 12. Profile of Mouse River and Tributaries.

degree rather than increase it. As previously explained, the saturation of the subsoil is one of the dominant influences affecting spring run-off. The snow water is first going to saturate the soil before the rest of it can run off. The effect of drainage ditches, if they function at all, is to lower the ground water table and increase the subsoil storage capacity. The spring run-off is reduced, therefore, by the amount that first goes down to fill this additional subsoil capacity.

Incidentally there are almost $1\frac{1}{2}$ million acres of land within a half mile of drainage ditches in North Dakota and Minnesota on the watershed of the Red River of the North which occasionally causes flood damage in Canada.* About 300,000 acres of it is in North Dakota.

Flood Prediction

Floods of any size must come thru the newly established gaging station at Oxbow, Sask., 172 miles above Minot. Daily gage readings are sent to the City Engineer during the flood season. Arrangements have been made whereby this Department receives the weather data directly from the six Canadian stations. They are,

Carlyle, Sask.

Francis, Sask.

Grenfell, Sask.

Ceylon, Sask.

Midale, Sask.

Yellow Grass, Sask.

This should give us an idea of the soil conditions and the amount of moisture available on the watershed for spring run-off. The maximum melting day, if at all pronounced, will be readily recognized. Then we should have about three weeks warning at least. The total amount can be estimated from the curves, Figure 3, but the amount of the crest flow is a refinement not warranted yet except in a very general way based upon the crest discharge at stations up stream from Minot. This will give the curves of Figure 3 a rigid test with a chance to modify and improve them.

*Simons and King, op. cit., Page 57.

PART III

**DAILY DISCHARGE OF
NORTH DAKOTA RIVERS**

Thirteenth Biennial Report
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1923-1927

The following tabulation is furnished by Dean E. F. Chandler, (P. O. University, North Dakota) Hydraulic Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, who has had charge of this region since 1903.

Data prior to 1923 are published in various Water Supply papers of the U. S. Geological Survey, index of which is given in the previous biennial report.

The letters at the foot of the monthly columns indicate Dean Chandler's opinion of their accuracy. A, B and C being presumably correct, within 5%, 10% and 15% respectfully. D and E are partial or entire estimates. These are subject to final review by the Washington office of which Nathan C. Grover is Chief Hydraulic Engineer. They are published usually about four years in arrears by the Survey.

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HUDSON BAY DRAINAGE**BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER NEAR TENNEY, MINN.**

LOCATION.—Near center of Sec. 22, T. 130 N., R. 47 W. at Soo Railway bridge 5 miles west of Tenney, Wilkin County, Minn., and 2 miles east of Fairmount, North Dakota.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,460 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—April 1, 1919 to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Vertical staff attached to the piling pier of the Soo Railway bridge; read by Math Schmit and Harry Voss.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from highway bridge, from railway bridge, or by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed composed of silt and fine clay, overgrown with weeds, which clog the channel by an amount varying with the season. No considerable shifts in channel likely because normal velocities insufficient to erode.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1919-1927: Maximum discharge, 390, second-feet April 22, 1922; no flow during several long periods.

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

REGULATION.—There are no reservoirs or power plants which affect the flow. The station is 15 miles below the outlet of Lake Traverse with no considerable tributaries entering between, so that abrupt changes in discharge are unlikely. Very extensive ditching and drainage work in the tributary area during the past 15 years may affect the distribution of flow.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation not permanent; affected by ice and by heavy aquatic growth. Rating curve fairly well defined below 400 second-feet. Gage read to half-tenths two or three times a week. Daily discharge ascertained by applying gage height to rating table by direct or indirect method and by interpolating for days when gage was not read. Records poor.

**DAILY DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET OF BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER
NEAR TENNEY, MINN., FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

SEPT. 30, 1924

Dry channel throughout except May 26, when 0.6 c. f. s. is recorded.

**DAILY DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET OF BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER
NEAR TENNEY, MINN., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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Channel dry or water merely standing in pools throughout entire year.

**DAILY DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET OF BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER
NEAR TENNEY, MINN., FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPT. 30, 1926**

March	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
c. f. s.	11	11	10	8	6	4	4	11	18	25	32	32
March	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
c. f. s.	30	28	27	23	24	22	18	14	10	5		
Monthly discharge for March 1926								Mean	=	12 c. f. s.		
								Run-off	=	744 ac-ft.		

DAILY DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET, OF BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER, NEAR TENNEY, MINN. FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	D	D			P	4	70*	16		82		4
2											9	4
3												
4												
5												
6				D						25	4	4
7						4	58	13				
8										25	4	
9					P							11
10		D	D									
11							44		16			
12				D								
13	D						44		16		2	4
14											1	
15												
16										22		4
17				D		11		11	19			
18			D						19			4
19					P		36			22		
20		D						11	25		1	4
21												
22			D									
23	D			D	1	25				19		4
24							32	9				
25		D						9	28	13		
26											1	8
27												
28				D			19		32			
29			D			44						
30	D	D					16			11		
31	D							11				
Accuracy	A	A	A	A	B	C	D	D	D	C	C	C

Note—*Gage height 3.5 ft. D—channel dry. P—standing in pools.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF BOIS DES SIOUX RIVER NEAR TENNEY, MINN.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1926-1927				
October	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0
January	0	0	0	0
February	3	1	0	24
March	44	4	17	1,070
April	70	16	42	2,480
May	16	9	12	716
June	32	16	20	1,220
July	32	11	21	1,310
August	9	0	3	180
September	11	3	5	284
The year	70	0	10	7,280

RED RIVER OF THE NORTH AT FARGO, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—Above dam half a mile above highway bridge connecting Front Street, Fargo, Cass County, N. Dak., with Moorhead, Minn., 10 miles above mouth of Sheyenne River.

DRAINAGE AREA.—6,420 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 27, 1901, to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Vertical staff attached to tree on left bank 6 rods above dam; vertical staff for convenient comparison attached to upper end of fishway, left end of dam. Gage read by City Engineer.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from footbridge a few feet upstream from gage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed composed of clay and silt; nearly permanent. Control is timber and steel crib dam, rock filled, below gage; has settled a few inches since construction. At extreme low stage the fall over the dam is about 5 feet.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1901-1927; Maximum open-water stage recorded, 17.34 feet July 11, 1916 (discharge 7,740 second-feet); minimum stage, 0.50 feet September 3, 1924 (discharge 8 second-feet).

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation affected by ice.

DIVERSION.—None.

REGULATION.—No power plants or storage above the station nearer than 60 miles, and storage not great enough ordinarily to affect discharge at station.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation changed slightly due to settling of dam; slightly affected by ice during year. Rating curve fairly well defined between 80 and 4,400 second-feet. Gage read to hundredths once daily except during winter, when it was read once or twice a week. Daily discharge obtained by applying daily gage height to rating table. Open-water records fair, winter records poor.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF RED RIVER OF THE NORTH AT FARGO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	98	98	78	.....	.....	.....	125†	400	235†	175	100	43†
2	98	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	480	235	205	90	24
3	98	98	58	.....	.....	.....	138	430	235	235	108†	8
4	98	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	402†	228	220†	125	24
5	98	98	.....	60	.....	.....	205	375	220	205	112	35
6	88	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	235	340	235	190†	100	125
7	88	98	.....	69	.....	.....	252	305	235	175	100	102†
8	88	98	88	.....	.....	.....	340	270	228†	150	80	80
9	78	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	270	220	150	63	63
10	78	98	88	.....	.....	.....	450	305	205	150	56†	48
11	78	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	305†	205	150	48	63
12	88	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	270	305	205	175	48	80
13	88	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	252†	305	190	190†	42	100
14	83	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	235	288	190	205	63	100†
15	78	109	88	.....	.....	.....	230	270	190†	175	72	100
16	78	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	235	270	190†	150	63	100
17	78	109	78	.....	.....	.....	246	270	190	138	56†	125
18	78	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	270†	190	112	48	125
19	78	109	69	.....	.....	.....	205	270	190†	100	48	175
20	78	99	.....	.....	.....	.....	205†	270	190	168	48	125
21	78	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	270	190	235	42	102†
22	78	85	78	.....	.....	.....	205	252	190†	235	125	80
23	98	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	270	190	235	112	80
24	98	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	270	190	205	115†	125
25	98	75	78	.....	.....	.....	235	288†	175	150	121†	125
26	98	72	69	.....	.....	.....	270	305	175	112	125	150
27	98	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	340	270	190	112†	162	125
28	98	71	12	.....	.....	.....	410	261†	252	112	125	112†
29	98	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	490	252	214†	112	100	100
30	88	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	530*	244†	175	100	80	100
31	88	.....	.....	50	.....	125	.....	235	.....	100	61†	.....
Accuracy	B	B	C	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A

Note.—*Gage height 2.5 feet. Jan. 12 to Mar. 20, Fishway in dam removed during rebuilding, small opening in dam discharge estimated from adjoining stations and Weather Bureau records.
†No gage heights recorded.

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DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF RED RIVER AT FARGO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	100	205	74	63	59	91	375	340	340	340	175	100
2	125	178	80	63	56	91	490	340	270	410	175†	80
3	150	150	64	63	52	72	670	340†	235	410	175	80
4	125	115	63	63	48	63	340	270	270	472†	175	190
5	112	80	64	63	59	75	422†	235	270	534†	175	125
6	100	125	80	63	69	88	270	175	235	575	150	118†
7	100	205	64	63	80	100	235	175	232†	490	175	109†
8	100	188	48	63	80	112	235	305	270	410	175	100
9	175	134	65	53	80	125	235	305	375	340	162†	100
10	175	80	80	48	80	138	285	270†	510	305	150	125
11	205	80	80	48	80	150	270	235	645	305	150	150
12	228	80	80	48	80	158	252†	270	720	330†	175	175
13	235	125	80	48	80	167	235	235	775	375	150	162†
14	235	125	72	48	80	175	235	205	747†	375	125	150
15	252	150	63	53	76	162	205	175	720	340	80	125
16	252	115	63	58	72	150	205	175	720	270	90	125
17	220	80	63	63	68	142	205	175	720	235	100	175
18	162	125	63	56	68	133	270	175	720	205	125	205
19	131	125	63	49	75	125	270†	180	720	180†	100	150
20	100	125	63	42	88	168	270	150	885*	175	100	125†
21	100	150	54	35	100	150	235	150	885†	175	125	100
22	125	220	44	44	91	178	205	175	885	175	125	80
23	175	198	34	54	82	205	235	205	775	150	132†	125
24	235	175	24	63	72	238	340	220†	670	150	150	205
25	205	128	32	60	63	270	375	235	620	175	150	205
26	178	80	40	56	75	270	305†	205	620	162†	125	125
27	150	74	43	52	88	270	235	235	575	150	100	125†
28	100	69	52	48	100	288	270	235	532†	125	125	125
29	100	63	55	53	.....	314	270	270	490	150	150	100
30	150	39	60	58	.....	340	270	297†	410	150	125†	100
31	205	.....	63	63	.....	340	.....	323†	.....	162†	100	.....
Accuracy	A	B	C	C	C	H	A	A	A	A	B	B

Note.—*Gage height 3.2 ft. Stont correction for ice=0.1 ft., Dec. 1, to March 24.

†No gage heights recorded.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF RED RIVER AT FARGO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	205	138	125	50	80	125	575	305	235	150	48†	63
2	205	150	100	50	.....	.....	530	288†	270	150	48	48
3	175	150	100	48	.....	.....	490	270	270	150	35	35
4	150	175	125	.....	.....	175	490†	305	305	150†	63	24
5	125	175	100	.....	.....	.....	490	340	305	150	63	28†
6	125	150	100	.....	80	.....	450	340	255†	125	63	31†
7	125	175	100	.....	.....	.....	375	270	205	125	80	35
8	205	175	93	.....	80	175	340	235	205	48	64†	35
9	235	175	87	125	.....	.....	340	252†	235	35	35	48
10	305	150	80	.....	.....	.....	375	270	235	48	35	48
11	255	150	85	.....	.....	.....	392†	270	205	42†	35	63
12	205	150	90	.....	.....	175	410	305	175	35	24	72†
13	205	144	95	80	.....	.....	530	270	190†	35	24	80
14	175	138	100	.....	125	175	410	235	205	48	35	125
15	150	131	88	.....	.....	.....	530	205	205	63	42†	100
16	150	125	75	125	.....	.....	575	190†	175	63	48	100
17	175	125	63	.....	.....	.....	490	170	205	63	48	80
18	187	125	63	.....	.....	.....	432†	175	205	63	35	125
19	199	150	63	.....	.....	.....	375	205	175	63	48	102†
20	211	150	63	.....	150	340	340	235	190†	48	63	80
21	223	125	63	.....	.....	.....	270	235	205	63	48	80
22	235	138	63	.....	.....	910	305	235	175	63	56†	63
23	205	150	60	100	.....	1,240	305	235†	175	48	63	63
24	150	125	60	.....	80	1,520*	305	235	205	63	63	63
25	162	80	60	.....	.....	1,300	322†	205	175	56†	63	80
26	175	102	55	.....	.....	1,300	340	235	205	48	80	80†
27	175	125	55	.....	.....	1,240	305	235	190	48	150	80
28	125	175	55	.....	.....	1,050	305	235	175	48	150	63
29	80	150	55	100	.....	860	270	205	175	35	106†	80
30	125	125	55	.....	.....	720	340	215†	150	48	63	80
31	125	.....	55	.....	.....	620	.....	225†	.....	48	63	.....
Accuracy	B	B	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	C	C

Note—*Gage height 4.3 ft. Stout correction, 0.1 foot, applied to gage-heights Jan. 1, to Mar. 31, for effect of ice.

†No gage heights recorded.

**MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF RED RIVER OF THE NORTH
AT FARGO, N. DAK.**

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	acre-feet
1923-1924				
October	98	78	88	5,400
November	109	69	93	5,560
December .....	.....	.....	73	4,480
January .....	.....	.....	52	3,180
February .....	.....	.....	50	2,880
March .....	.....	.....	72	4,410
April	530	125	267	15,900
May	490	235	302	18,600
June	235	175	205	12,200
July	235	100	185	10,200
August	162	42	85	5,230
September	175	8	91	5,440
The year	530	8	128	93,400
1924-1925				
October	252	100	162	10,000
November	220	63	124	7,390
December	80	24	60	3,700
January	63	42	55	3,370
February	100	48	75	4,166
March	340	63	173	10,600
April	670	205	297	17,600
May	340	150	236	14,500
June	885	235	563	33,500
July	575	125	284	17,500
August	175	80	138	8,510
September	205	80	129	7,670
The year	885	24	191	138,000
1925-1926				
October	305	80	179	11,000
November	175	80	143	8,520
December	125	55	78	4,820
January	125	48	96	5,900
February	150	80	104	5,770
March	1,520	125	490	30,150
April	575	270	400	23,810
May	340	175	246	15,140
June	305	150	209	12,460
July	150	35	72	4,410
August	150	24	60	3,670
September	125	24	68	4,050
The year	1,520	24	179	129,700
1926-1927				
October	144	51	103	6,300
November	144	38	76	4,580
December	66	18	46	2,820
January	66	18	40	2,420
February	254	27	70	3,900
March	2,650	288	846	52,000
April	1,690	488	918	54,600
May	684	402	520	32,000
June	794	488	629	37,400
July	488	223	343	21,100
August	254	122	186	11,500
September	324	144	228	13,600
The year	2,650	18	334	242,000

RED RIVER OF THE NORTH AT GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—At Northern Pacific Railway bridge between Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, N. Dak., and East Grand Forks, Minn., half a mile below mouth of Red Lake River.

DRAINAGE AREA.—25,500 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 26, 1901, to September 30, 1927. Gage-height records at same point kept by United States Engineer Corps from 1882 to 1901 and a few discharge measurements made by them in early years.

GAGE.—Vertical staff attached to ice-breaker below center pier of bridge. Gages maintained by the United States Engineer Corps and the United States Weather Bureau at the same bridge have a datum 5.00 feet higher than the gage datum of the Geological Survey and are more convenient for use. The Weather Bureau gage is used with correction applied. Observers were Alex Slattery, Harold Bowes, A. S. Gray, Eddie Roning, Marloc Axtell.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from Great Northern Railway bridge a quarter of a mile above gage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Clay and silt; changes very slowly.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1882-1927: Maximum stage recorded, 50.2 feet April 10, 1897 (discharge, 43,000 second-feet); minimum discharge 100 second-feet during early part of February, 1912 (stage-discharge relation affected by ice).

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None

REGULATION.—No power plants above with sufficient storage to cause noticeable variations in flow.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation permanent except as affected by ice. Rating curve well defined between 400 and 15,000 second-feet and fairly well defined to 30,000 second-feet. Gage read to quarter-tenths twice daily except during winter period when it was read twice a week. Daily discharge ascertained by applying mean daily gage height to rating table except for periods indicated in foot note to table of daily discharge. Open-water records good, winter records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF RED RIVER OF THE NORTH AT GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	505	424	526	311	200	300	1,400	2,420	1,350	970	443	345
2	505	424	526	322	205	311	1,400	2,530*	1,310	1,050	443	345
3	477	424	526	315	205	322	1,400	2,470	1,260	1,090	443	322
4	477	424	526	307	205	322	1,440	2,360	1,230	1,130	443	279
5	477	424	555	300	197	322	1,560	2,300	1,220	1,180	443	240
6	477	424	585	300	189	315	1,630	2,250	1,180	1,180	443	205
7	477	450	615	300	189	307	1,680	2,200	1,180	1,180	470	205
8	477	450	615	300	189	307	1,730	2,090	1,180	1,060	470	189
9	450	477	585	300	189	311	1,780	1,980	1,180	970	498	189
10	450	505	585	280	189	322	1,830	1,930	1,130	930	470	222
11	450	505	555	260	189	334	1,880	1,880	1,130	891	470	240
12	450	533	555	240	206	345	1,930	1,980	1,090	891	443	259
13	450	533	498†	231	222	353	1,980	2,090	1,090	780	443	279
14	450	561	417	222	222	353	2,140	2,140	1,050	745	443	300
15	477	561	392	214	222	368	2,140	2,200	1,050	711	443	300
16	477	590	392	205	222	330	2,080	2,200	1,010	678	417	300
17	505	590	368	205	222	332	1,930	2,140	1,010	646	417	322
18	533	619	368	205	222	431	1,830	2,090	970	615	417	368
19	533	619	345	205	222	470	1,680	2,090	930	585	417	368
20	505	590	345	197	222	518	1,680	2,040	891	585	417	368
21	505	561	322	189	211	567	1,780	1,980	930	555	417	417
22	477	533	322	197	200	615	1,930	1,930	970	555	417	443
23	477	505	322	205	182	663	2,030	1,880	970	526	392	443
24	477	477	322	200	197	711	1,980	1,830	970	526	392	443
25	477	477	322	189	205	732	1,730	1,780	930	498	392	443
26	477	450	345	189	232	853	1,580	1,730	930	498	392	417
27	477	450	345	187	259	945	1,540	1,680	891	470	368	417
28	477	477	345	174	273	1,040	1,580	1,630	891	470	368	447
29	477	477	322	187	286	1,130	1,580	1,640	853	470	368	470
30	450	505	322	189	-----	1,220	2,200	1,490	853	443	368	470
31	450	-----	300	194	-----	1,310	-----	1,400	-----	443	345	-----
Accuracy	A	A	C	C	C	D	A	A	A	A	A	A

Note—*Gage height 8.2 ft. s—frozen at margin. f—frozen.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF RED RIVER AT GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	470	498	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,770	1,830	1,400	4,790	498	498
2	443	443	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,090	1,860	1,310	4,610	498	498
3	470	443	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,270	1,930	1,360	4,380	470	443
4	443	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,200	1,930	1,360	4,140	470	443
5	443	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,730	1,880	1,490	3,910	443	417
6	470	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,390	1,880	2,300	3,620	443	443
7	498	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,870	1,780	3,000	3,330	443	470
8	498	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,530	1,780	4,380	2,980	443	470
9	498	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,250	1,680	6,630	2,580	443	470
10	498	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,040	1,580	7,640	2,530	417	417
11	498	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,880	1,490	8,320	2,530	443	417
12	498	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,730	1,350	9,690*	2,420	443	417
13	526	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,490	1,260	9,120	2,470	417	443
14	585	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400	1,230	8,950	2,420	417	443
15	585	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,260	1,230	8,870	2,300	417	498
16	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,260	1,180	8,790	2,250	392	498
17	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,180	1,180	8,790	2,040	392	526
18	648	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,090	1,180	7,940	1,930	368	526
19	678	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	970	1,050	7,640	1,780	368	555
20	678	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	646	1,080	7,650	1,630	368	555
21	678	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	646	1,010	7,050	1,400	368	555
22	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	615	711	1,050	6,700	1,260	368	470
23	585	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,310	930	1,090	6,500	970	392	470
24	585	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,580	1,440	1,130	6,030	891	392	498
25	585	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,360	1,540	1,310	5,710	711	392	526
26	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,330	1,680	1,440	5,330	615	443	526
27	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,320	1,680	1,400	5,090	585	443	555
28	585	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,770	1,680	1,310	4,910	526	443	526
29	555	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,030	1,780	1,180	4,910	526	555	526
30	555	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,430	1,780	1,050	4,790	498	498	526
31	498	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,630	.....	1,260	.....	498	526	.....
Accuracy	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D

Note—*Gage height 19.0 ft.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT OF RED RIVER AT GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	555	678	646	.....	.....	.....	6,480	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	555	678	646	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,350	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	555	678	646	.....	.....	600	5,770	1,310	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	555	678	646	.....	.....	.....	5,390	1,310	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	526	585	646	.....	.....	.....	5,160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	526	585	646	.....	.....	.....	4,920	1,310	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	585	585	646	.....	.....	.....	4,690	1,260	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	585	585	646	.....	.....	600	4,450	1,260	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	555	555	646	.....	.....	.....	4,220	1,090	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	555	615	646	.....	.....	.....	4,020	1,090	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	615	615	646	.....	.....	.....	4,220	1,090	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	646	615	646	.....	.....	600	4,610	1,010	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	678	615	646	.....	.....	.....	5,090	1,000	.....	.....	.....	820
15	678	615	636	.....	.....	.....	5,090	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	678	615	625	.....	.....	850	4,730	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	745	615	615	.....	.....	930	4,320	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	745	615	615	.....	.....	898	3,970	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	745	646	615	.....	.....	1,050	3,970	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	711	745	615	.....	.....	1,090	3,270	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	711	711	615	.....	.....	1,490	3,270	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	711	711	615	.....	.....	1,830	2,420	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	780	711	608	.....	.....	2,580	2,250	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	780	711	600	.....	.....	4,850	2,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	780	745	592	.....	.....	6,290	1,680	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	780	780	585	.....	.....	6,910	1,680	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	816	816	585	.....	.....	7,490	1,580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	816	816	585	.....	.....	7,720*	1,580	1,000	.....	650	.....	.....
29	780	646	585	.....	.....	7,640	1,580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	745	646	585	.....	.....	7,490	1,440	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	745	.....	585	.....	.....	7,340	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Accuracy	C	C	C	D	D	D	C	D	D	D	D	D

Note—*Gage height 18.1 ft. Stout corrections applied to gage-heights Nov. 8 to Mar. 30 for effect of ice in channel and Jan. 1 to May 13 for effect of dam being constructed one mile below gage and offering increasing obstruction. Jan. Feb. May 13 to Sept. 30 estimated from records of tributary stations.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF RED RIVER OF GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	816	891	555	360	279	240	5,520	4,910	7,340	2,980	1,260	1,050
2	816	891	555	360	279	240	5,520	4,910	7,340	2,980	1,260	1,050
3	816	816	555	345	345	1,310	7,270	4,910	6,630	2,840	1,400	1,010
4	816	816	528	345	345	1,310	8,320	5,980	6,290	2,700	1,400	1,010
5	816	780	528	345	300	646	9,260	5,980	6,290	2,700	1,260	1,010
6	816	711	528	345	345	874	9,690	6,290	5,980	2,700	1,260	1,010
7	816	678	498	345	345	1,080	9,690	6,290	5,980	2,700	1,260	1,010
8	816	678	498	345	345	1,310	9,260	6,290	5,980	2,700	1,260	1,010
9	816	711	498	368	345	1,400	9,260	6,290	5,980	2,700	1,260	1,010
10	816	711	470	368	345	1,400	8,780	6,450	5,080	2,700	1,260	1,010
11	816	725	470	368	345	1,580	9,120	7,860	4,970	2,420	1,260	1,010
12	816	731	443	368	300	1,780	9,690	8,870	4,570	2,420	1,260	1,010
13	816	738	443	368	300	2,200	10,550*	9,360	4,440	2,420	1,180	1,010
14	816	745	443	368	259	2,700	9,780	9,440	4,140	2,420	1,260	1,010
15	816	816	417	368	259	3,440	9,690	9,440	4,140	2,250	1,180	1,010
16	816	780	417	368	259	4,790	9,610	9,360	3,910	2,250	1,180	1,010
17	853	1,090	417	345	259	6,430	9,120	9,200	3,910	2,080	1,260	1,010
18	853	1,050	417	345	259	8,090	8,870	8,870	3,560	1,880	1,180	1,010
19	745	1,050	443	368	259	8,870	8,798	8,480	3,560	1,880	970	1,010
20	816	1,050s	436	368	259	9,360	8,640	7,850	3,440	1,880	970	1,010
21	816	816f	430	322	279	9,280	8,640	7,340	3,270	1,880	970	1,010
22	853	245	423	322	279	9,280	8,400	6,980	3,500	1,880	970	1,010
23	816	678	417	322	279	9,120	8,090	6,630	3,750	1,880	970	1,010
24	816	648	392	322	279	8,560	7,420	6,910	4,020	1,780	970	1,010
25	891	585	368	322	279	8,250	6,770	7,860	3,560	1,780	970	1,010
26	816	528	368	317	240	7,420	6,290	8,480	3,560	1,780	970	1,010
27	816	498	345	311	240	6,770	5,980	8,780	3,110	1,780	970	1,010
28	853	555	345	306	240	6,090	5,770	9,280	3,390	1,680	970	1,010
29	891	585	345	300	240	5,520	5,420	9,280	3,270	1,680	970	1,010
30	891	585	392	300	240	5,450	4,790	8,480	3,080	1,680	970	1,010
31	891	585	392	300	240	5,330	4,790	7,720	1,490	1,650	1,050	-----
Accuracy	C	C	D	D	D	D	B	B	B	C	C	C

Note.—*Gage height 20.0 ft. s—frozen at margin. f—frozen across channel. Flow estimated, Oct. 1 to 15, from adjoining station records. Stout correction applied to gage-heights Nov. 20 to April 4, for effect of ice.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF RED RIVER OF THE NORTH AT
GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	acre-feet
1923-1924				
October	533	450	478	29,400
November	619	424	501	29,800
December	615	300	434	26,700
January	322	174	236	14,500
February	286	189	213	12,300
March	1,310	300	546	33,600
April	2,200	1,400	1,780	106,000
May	2,530	1,400	2,010	123,000
June	1,350	853	1,050	62,700
July	1,180	443	750	46,100
August	498	345	423	26,000
September	470	189	336	20,000
The year	2,530	174	730	531,000
1924-1925				
October	678	443	553	34,000
November .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
January .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April	6,770	648	2,197	130,700
May	1,930	1,010	1,405	86,400
June	9,690	1,310	5,768	343,000
July	4,790	498	2,165	133,000
August	526	368	433	26,600
September	555	417	487	29,000
The period	9,690	368	1,084	782,700
1925-1926				
October	816	526	672	41,300
November	816	583	657	39,100
December	646	585	623	38,300
January .....	.....	.....	650	40,000
February .....	.....	.....	600	33,300
March	7,720	600	2,434	149,600
April	6,910	1,440	3,870	230,300
May	1,400	1,000	1,090	67,000
June .....	.....	.....	1,900	113,000
July .....	.....	.....	1,100	67,600
August .....	.....	.....	600	36,900
September .....	.....	.....	700	41,600
The year	7,720	526	1,241	898,000
1926-1927				
October	891	745	828	50,900
November	1,050	498	750	44,600
December .....	.....	.....	444	27,300
January .....	.....	.....	340	20,900
February .....	.....	.....	281	15,600
March	9,360	240	4,470	274,800
April	10,550	4,790	8,156	485,300
May	9,440	4,780	7,539	463,400
June	7,340	3,050	4,557	271,100
July	2,980	1,490	2,223	136,600
August	1,400	970	1,137	69,900
September	1,050	1,010	1,013	60,300
The year	10,550	240	2,645	1,921,000

PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—At Great Northern Railway bridge two-thirds mile north of Neche, Pembina County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—2,960 square miles (revised).

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—April 29, 1903, to September 30, 1915, and April 1, 1919, to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Vertical staff bolted to concrete abutment at north end of railway bridge; read by P. J. Horgan.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from highway bridge 20 rods below railway bridge or by wading below Great Northern dam.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed composed of clay and silt. Control is loose-rock dam about 3 feet high, a third of a mile below gage, constructed to give sufficient depth of water for the intake of Great Northern Railway water tank; shifts slightly.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1915; 1919-1927; Maximum open water stage recorded, 20.9 feet May 2, 1904 (discharge, 3,870 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.3 feet September 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21-24, 1911 (discharge, 1.0 second-feet).

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

REGULATION.—None.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation not permanent; affected by ice and by shift of control on April 15. Both rating curves fairly well defined. Gage read to tenths once daily. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table except as shown in footnote to table of daily discharge. Records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	121	104	59				30	259	117	84	30	5
2	121	104					42	237	117	84	20	5
3	121	104					55	237	117	69	20	5
4	121	88					69r	215	117	69	20	5
5	121	88		5			100	215	100	69	20	5
6		88						194	100	69	20	3
7	121	88					117	194	100	69	20	3
8	121	88	34				117F	174	100	69	20	3
9	121	88					117	154	100	69	20	3
10	121	88					117F	154	100	69	20	3
11		88						154	100	69	20	3
12	121	88		4			135	154	100	55	20	3
13	121	88					135	154	100	55	20	3
14	121	104					135	135	100	55	20	3
15	121	104	23				174	135	100	55	13	5
16		104						135	100	55	13	5
17	121	104					174	135	100	55	13	5
18	121	104					215	135	100	55	13	5
19	104	104					282	135	100	55	13	5
20	104	104					400	135	100	55	8	5
							674*	135	100	55	8	5
21	104	88					471	135	100	42	8	8
22	104	88	8				424	135	100	42	8	13
23	104	88					375	135	100	42	8	20
24	104	88F					328	135	84	42	8	30
25	104	83					282	135	84	42	8	42
26		79						135	84	30	8	69
27	104	75					282	135	84	30	8	84
28	104	71				13	282	117	84	30	8	84
29	104	67	5			20	259	117	84	30	8	84
30	104	63				30	259	117	84	30	8	100
31	104					30		117		30	8	

Accuracy

Note—*Gage height 6.7 ft. F—Frozen, r—ice running. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Dec. 1, to April 10.

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DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	100	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	960r	257	144	257	43	28
2	100	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	960	257	144	234	43	28
3	100	154	50	1	1	2	696	257	144	234	28	62
4	100	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	608k	234	144	234	28	62
5	100	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	494	234	166	234	28	62
6	135	135F	.....	.....	.....	5	494	234	166	211	28	62
7	135	135	.....	.....	.....	15	494	234	166	211	28	62
8	154	135	30	1	3	62	371	234	166	211	28	62
9	174	135	.....	.....	.....	20	471	234	188	166	28	62
10	174	135	.....	.....	.....	20	471	234	304	144	28	62
11	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	471	211	328	102	18	62
12	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	471	211	352	102	18	62
13	194	110	20	1	2	4	448	211	400	82	18	62
14	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	424	188	400	82	18	62
15	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	400	188	376	82	18	62
16	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352	188	376	82	18	62
17	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328	188	328	82	13	62
18	194	90	10	2	1	2	280	188	280	82	13	62
19	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280	166	257	62	9	62
20	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280	166	257	62	9	62
21	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	280	166	234	62	6	62
22	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	280	166	234	62	6	62
23	194	80	8	2	2	2	280	166	234	62	4	62
24	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	280	166	257	62	6	62
25	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	280	166	257	62	6	62
26	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,710	280	166	257	62	9	62
27	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,280	280	166	257	43	9	82
28	174	60	5	2	1	2,350*	280	166	257	43	18	82
29	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,300	257	166	257	43	18	102
30	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,730	257	144	257	43	18	102
31	174	.....	3	2	.....	1,360	.....	144	.....	43	28	.....

Accuracy

B D E F

G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Note: *Gage height 18.3 ft. F—frozen, r—ice running, k—channel clear. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Nov. 6 to Mar. 4.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	102	123	28	16	4	2	191	110	82	96	18	13
2	102	123	28	16	4	2	174	110	82	69	18	13
3	123	123	28	16	4	2	174	110	69	48	13	13
4	123	123	28	14	4	2	174	110	69	48	13	13
5	123	123	28	14	4	2	174	110	69	82	13	18
6	123	102	28	14	4	2	174	110	69	318*	13	18
7	123	102	28	14	4	2	157	110	69	262	13	24
8	144	90F	28	14	4	2	157	110	69	226	13	58
9	144	80	28	14	4	2	157	110	69	208	13	141
10	144	80	28	14	4	2	157	110	58	141	13	69
11	144	80	28	14	4	2	157	110	58	141	13	69
12	144	80	28	14	4	2	157	110	58	125	13	58
13	166	70	28	14	4	2	157	110	58	110	13	58
14	166	65	28	14	4	2	157	110	58	110	13	48
15	166	62	28	14	3	2	157	110	58	110	13	48
16	188	60	28	12	3	2	157	96	48	96	13	48
17	188	60	28	12	3	2	157	96	48	96	13	48
18	188	55	28	12	3	2	157	96	48	82	13	48
19	188	55	28	10	2	2	141	96	48	82	13	48
20	188	50	28	10	2	2	141	96	48	69	13	48
21	166	40	28	8	2	2	125	96	110	58	13	48
22	166	28	26	8	2	96	125	96	141	58	13	48
23	144	28	24	6	2	174	110	96	157	39	13	48
24	123	28	22	6	2	280	110	96	174	31	13	48
25	123	28	20	6	2	157	110	96	191	31	13	48
26	123	28	20	6	2	141	110	96	208	31	13	48
27	123	28	18	6	2	141	110	82	191	24	13	58
28	123	28	18	6	2	191	110	82	174	24	13	69
29	123	28	18	4	2	208	110	82	157	18	13	58
30	123	28	18	4	.....	191	110	82	141	18	13	48
31	123	.....	16	4	.....	191	.....	82	.....	18	13	.....
Accuracy	B	D	E	E	E	E	C	C	C	C	B	B

Note.—*Gage height 5.0 ft. F—frozen across channel. Stout correction applied to gage heights, Dec. 15 to Feb. 1, for effect of ice, and March 23 to 28.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	48	58		31			157	542	806	542	208	208
2	48	48					226	564	754	520	208	208
3	48	48					318	608	762	457	191	226
4	48	31					416	652	740	396	191	226
5	58	48				4	608	740	740	396	191	226
6	58	48					1,400	938	696	376	191	244
7	69						2,060	1,000	652	356	191	244
8	69						1,970	1,160	608	337	191	262
9	69						1,600	1,330	542	337	174	262
10	69	F					1,580	1,710	499	318	174	299
11	69						1,510	2,598	478	318	157	299
12	58						1,470	3,050*	478	299	157	299
13	58	48				4	1,360	2,650	499	289	141	299
14	58					4	1,220	2,060	436	280	141	299
15	58					499	1,360	1,620	436	244	141	299
16	58					960	1,350	1,490	416	226	141	299
17	58					1,140	1,380	1,220	416	318	141	299
18	48					1,160	1,380	1,050	396	239	174	289
19	58				4	894	1,290	916	396	280	191	289
20	58	39				652	1,208	894	396	262	226	280
21	58			9		478	1,070	740	416	262	226	280
22	58					416	960	630	416	244	226	280
23	58					499	850	828	674	244	226	280
24	58					318	806	938	718	226	226	280
25	58		31			299	740	894	696	226	208	280
26	58					318	696	894	630	226	208	280
27	58					262	630	894	608	226	208	280
28	58					226	608	872	608	226	208	280
29	58			4		191	586	850	566	226	208	280
30	58					174	564	828	564	226	208	280
31	58					174	.....	817	.....	208	208	.....

Accuracy

Note—*Gage height observed 17.8 ft. at 8 P. M. F—frozen across channel. Stout correction applied to gage-heights Nov. 10 to April 15, for effect of ice in channel.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October	121	104	114	7,000
November	104	63	90	5,370
December	59	5	23	1,430
January	5	4	4	234
February .....	.....	.....	3	172
March	30	3	7	424
April	674	30	220	13,100
May	259	117	157	9,620
June	117	84	98	5,860
July	84	30	54	3,320
August	30	8	14	885
September	100	3	20	1,200
The year	674	3	67	48,635
1924-1925				
October	194	100	169	10,400
November	174	60	106	6,270
December	50	3	20	1,230
January	2	1	2	93
February	3	1	2	95
March	2,350	2	385	23,700
April	960	257	420	25,000
May	257	144	197	12,100
June	400	144	253	15,100
July	257	43	114	6,970
August	43	4	19	1,170
September	102	28	64	3,790
The year	2,350	1	146	105,918
1925-1926				
October	188	102	143	8,800
November	123	28	67	3,960
December	28	16	25	1,560
January	16	4	11	660
February	4	2	3	170
March	280	2	59	3,670
April	191	110	145	8,630
May	110	82	101	6,170
June	208	48	96	5,710
July	318	18	93	5,720
August	18	13	13	820
September	141	13	48	2,830
The year	318	2	67	48,700
1926-1927				
October	69	48	58	3,600
November	58	39	43	2,530
December	31	31	31	1,900
January	31	4	15	950
February	4	4	4	220
March	1,160	4	281	17,300
April	2,060	157	1,046	62,200
May	3,050	542	1,160	71,300
June	806	396	570	33,900
July	542	208	303	18,600
August	226	141	190	11,700
September	299	208	273	16,200
The year	3,050	4	332	240,400

MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—At Anne Street footbridge, now known as Main St. footbridge; 100 feet northeast of Great Northern Railway roundhouse until April 1, 1924, then at Valker bridge in southeast part of Minot, Ward County, about 150 feet above Park Board Dam.

DRAINAGE AREA.—10,270 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 5, 1903, to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Vertical staff gage attached to piling of Main St. footbridge; read by Ephraim Cox, until April 1, 1924, then by H. H. Valker who lives near Park Board Dam and read a staff gage on the Valker bridge.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from the Main St. footbridge and other bridges and by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Channel in clay and silt, nearly permanent, but changed somewhat in recent years by encroachment of the channel through the city. During winter 1922-1923, the Minot Park Board completed a concrete dam with a Taintor gate 20 feet wide $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles below gage, the crest of which was originally at 9.07 feet on Main St. footbridge.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1927; Maximum stage, 21.9 feet April 20, 1904 (discharge, 12,000 second-feet); minimum stage, 1.8 feet February 28, 1913 (discharge, 0.1 second-foot).

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation only slightly affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

REGULATION.—None.

ACCURACY.—Stage discharge relation fairly permanent during year, except for slight ice effect and for backwater from city park dam. It was built to raise the low water stage. Its operation seriously disturbs the gage rating, especially when gate is only partly open. Otherwise rating curve fairly well defined between 3 and 3,500 second-feet. Gage read to tenths once daily. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table except as indicated in footnote to daily-discharge table. Records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	30	13	13	.....	.....	15	108	75	112	28	34	6
2	30	13	.....	.....	1.1	30	109	92	127	56	41	6
3	30	10	.....	.....	.....	45	118	98	110	117	34	6
4	30	10	.....	.....	.....	60	122	108	8	92	37	7
5	30	13	.....	7	.....	75	133	109	64	97	34	8
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	143	144	56	105	41	8
7	30	13	.....	.....	.....	60	184	161	64	105	34	8
8	30	10	13	.....	.....	52	222	174	64	101	34	9
9	30	10	.....	.....	1.1	51	211	161	68	101	41	8
10	30	10	.....	.....	.....	45	262	168	73	101	41	10
11	30	13	.....	.....	.....	42	290	144	78	92	34	14
12	30	17	.....	7	.....	40	320	151	78	86	41	14
13	30	17	.....	.....	.....	45	335	168	82	82	34	14
14	30	13	.....	.....	.....	48	373	171	78	68	34	12
15	30	10	13	.....	.....	53	425	138	82	68	34	14
16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	450	151	68	68	37	14
17	13	10	.....	.....	1.1	62	472*	119	122	51	22	12
18	17	10	.....	.....	.....	67	485	151	258	51	14	12
19	13	7	.....	.....	.....	83	434	212	159	51	14	10
20	10	10	.....	7	.....	171	395	234	309	48	18	10
21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	368	216	268	64	14	10
22	13	10	7	.....	.....	253	390	212	372	64	14	10
23	17	10	.....	.....	0.7	244	401	216	338	92	22	10
24	21	10	.....	.....	1	215	240	192	300	92	28	9
25	21	10	.....	.....	1	199	270	192	240	73	34	10
26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	179	144	132	64	48	110	12
27	17	11	.....	3	.....	165	94	117	160	48	6	14
28	13	11	.....	.....	.....	153	82	116	140	48	6	14
29	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	159	76	155	159	45	6	12
30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	75	137	92	41	6	10
31	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	123	.....	120	.....	34	6	.....
Accuracy	D	B	C	C	C	B	B	E	C	B	B	D

Note.—*Gage height 9.75 ft. Stout correction for ice effect applied March 20, to April 1. Gate in dam opened partially and shut, Oct. 1 to October 14. Gate in dam partly open, 6 P. M. April 24 to 8 P. M. June 8, June 19, to June 22, open a little, June 22, to evening June 26. Gate in dam open March 1 to April 24, 8 A. M. June 17 to 1 P. M. June 18; 7 P. M. June 26, to 10 A. M. June 28; 8 P. M. August 25, to 6 A. M. August 26. Gate in dam closed 8 P. M. June 3, to 8 A. M. June 17; evening June 25, to 7 P. M. June 26; 10 A. M. June 28, to 8 P. M. August 25; 6 A. M. August 26, to October 1. Gate in dam 150 feet below gage.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND FEET, OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	530	50	28	.....	19	30	654	1,180	118	94	6	7
2	350	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	592	677	115	87	34	6
3	23	50	.....	.....	.....	25	1,100	605	112	94	48	6
4	21	43	30	25	17	.....	1,190	511	115	84	48	6
5	21	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,280	434	115	94	48	6
6	19	35	30	.....	.....	30	1,380	487	115	87	34	6
7	19	30	30	.....	19	.....	1,630	478	115	87	41	6
8	21	25	25	.....	.....	35	1,720	484	137	80	34	6
9	30	25	25	25	21	.....	1,980	434	153	71	41	6
10	40	25	25	.....	.....	.....	2,290	357	169	68	48	6
11	40	30	.....	21	.....	30	2,540	315	153	68	41	6
12	30	25	30	.....	.....	.....	2,810	295	145	62	34	6
13	30	30	28	.....	.....	.....	2,960	276	137	62	34	6
14	28	25	30	21	19	40	3,120	267	137	6	41	295
15	30	25	.....	.....	19	40	3,200	231	145	6	48	195
16	25	25	30	.....	.....	.....	3,320	204	149	177	48	145
17	25	25	.....	21	25	35	3,370	204	153	62	401	115
18	25	28	.....	.....	29	.....	3,450*	204	161	62	45	87
19	28	25	.....	21	.....	45	3,410	186	153	28	47	68
20	76	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,320	169	161	38	48	45
21	168	30	.....	21	40	45	3,280	161	161	48	49	42
22	108	32	.....	.....	40	.....	3,240	165	153	54	51	40
23	101	30	.....	.....	.....	122	3,040	161	145	56	52	35
24	94	30	.....	21	30	222	3,000	188	137	56	52	25
25	87	29	.....	.....	.....	379	2,820	153	122	56	54	21
26	80	28	.....	17	.....	412	2,850	149	115	52	6	21
27	74	29	.....	.....	.....	477	2,730	145	108	51	6	21
28	62	30	20	.....	25	575	2,400	137	108	51	6	17
29	56	30	595	2,070	133	101	51	6	17
30	50	30	580	1,760	122	101	51	7
31	50	25	21	605	115	52	7

Accuracy

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Note.—*Gage height 21.8 ft. Abrupt variations in discharge caused by opening or closing of gates in dam, releasing stored water, or storing. (Gate closed Sept. to Oct. 1, 1924; July 14, 15, Aug. 1 to 16; Aug. 28 to Sept. 13. Gate partly open, Oct. 20, 21; July 19 to 31; Aug. 18 to 25. Gate in dam open Oct. 1 to 19; Oct. 22 to July 13; July 16 to 18; Aug. 17; Sept. 14 to 30.)

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	25	25	21	17	13	12	38	59	73	184*	101	64
2	21	28	21	19	15	11	42	56	82	182	101	64
3	25	28	21	19	15	11	45	56	64	194	101	64
4	25	25	23	17	13	9	47	70	73	182	92	64
5	25	23	23	17	13	9	48	70	73	182	92	64
6	21	25	21	17	13	13	47	78	64	169	101	64
7	25	25	21	17	13	11	47	84	73	182	82	48
8	30	28	21	17	13	11	45	92	73	169	82	48
9	30	30	23	17	13	9	40	92	64	157	101	41
10	25	35	23	17	13	9	45	92	73	169	92	48
11	25	32	21	17	13	11	50	101	64	169	82	48
12	25	30	21	17	13	11	56	101	64	157	82	48
13	25	32	25	19	13	11	65	92	64	145	82	41
14	23	35	23	17	13	13	68	101	64	145	73	35
15	25	35	21	17	13	13	74	101	64	134	64	36
16	25	30	21	17	13	17	77	92	73	134	73	35
17	21	28	21	17	13	17	80	101	64	122	82	38
18	21	29	23	17	13	25	80	92	60	122	73	35
19	23	29	23	17	13	25	80	101	70	134	64	35
20	25	29	21	17	13	25	84	92	80	122	64	34
21	28	30	23	17	13	25	87	92	85	122	64	34
22	28	28	23	17	13	25	87	82	95	134	64	34
23	30	26	21	17	13	25	87	82	105	122	64	36
24	28	25	21	17	13	25	90	82	120	122	73	38
25	25	24	21	17	13	25	87	92	140	122	64	64
26	28	23	21	15	13	28	80	82	169	122	64	78
27	25	22	21	15	13	28	80	82	169	122	64	94
28	25	21	21	15	13	25	77	82	182	112	73	103
29	25	21	21	15	13	25	74	92	194	122	64	94
30	25	21	21	13	13	30	62	82	169	112	64	103
31	25	25	21	13	13	30	62	82	169	101	73	103
Accuracy	C	C	D	D	D	D	B	B	B	B	B	C

Note.—*Gage height 14.6 ft. Gate in dam somewhat open Oct. 1 to April 7; Gate wide open Apr. 8 to May 3; Gate closed May 4 to June 17; somewhat open June 17 to 19; closed June 19 to Sept. 14; open a little Sept. 14 to 15; closed but leaking Sept. 15 to 30. Stout correction for effect of ice, Nov. 17 to March 29.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FOOT, OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	112	31	21	21	13	24	456	3,620*	982	287	188	115
2	37	31	21	19	13	25	445	3,580	1,260	280	174	108
3	36	31	21	13	13	-----	500	3,580	1,360	283	167	101G
4	36	-----	21	13	13	-----	522	3,580	1,460	283	163	101G
5	36	-----	21	-----	13	30	544	3,490	1,480	220	149	110G
6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	544	3,450	1,550	182G	120G	115
7	36	30	-----	-----	13	35	562	3,280	1,580	144	92	108
8	36	30	21	13	13	56	575	3,200	1,550	64	64	94
9	36	-----	21	13	13	50	605	3,120	1,520	202	73	87G
10	36	25	-----	-----	-----	68	630	3,000	1,360	202	64	87
11	36	-----	19	-----	-----	68	660	2,850	1,260	202	64	87G
12	36	-----	19	13	11	129	701	2,650	1,010	214	73	87
13	36	25	-----	-----	9	137	766	2,650	809	192	82	87
14	36	25	-----	-----	-----	169	905	2,360	680	181	82	80
15	33	-----	-----	13	-----	186	1,020	2,180	635	181	64G	80
16	32	25	21	13	9	169	1,150	2,040	580	162	112	77
17	31	-----	21	13	-----	153	1,290	1,960	522	162	161	80
18	31	-----	21	13	-----	108	1,420	1,790	478	172G	183	74
19	31	-----	21	-----	9	87	1,520	1,680	445	148	186	74
20	31	23	-----	-----	11	87	1,650	1,580	412	184	166G	74
21	31	21	-----	-----	-----	108	1,900	1,520	379	152	147	80
22	31	-----	21	13	-----	145	2,140	1,440	368	150	128G	87
23	31	-----	21	13	11	186	2,510	1,380	346	150G	108	101
24	31	21F	21	-----	17	254	2,810	1,360	325	181	101	115
25	31	-----	-----	-----	-----	412	3,120	1,280	285	181	104	163
26	31	-----	21	13	19	379	3,220	1,120	267	181	87	163
27	31	21	-----	-----	21	445	3,450	1,090	249	181	87G	145
28	31	21	-----	-----	-----	456	3,620	905	249	202	96	141
29	31	-----	21	13	-----	467	3,620	905	258	225	106G	129
30	31	-----	-----	-----	-----	478	3,620	969	262	237	115	115
31	31	-----	-----	-----	-----	478	-----	-----	-----	202G	118	-----

Accuracy

Note—*Gage height 22.2 ft. Stout correction applied for effect of ice Nov. 20 to March 14. F—channel frozen over. G—change in Taintor gate in dam, which was almost closed Oct. 1 to (about) Nov. 6.
 In Gate open until July 2, 7 P. M. closed. July 6, opened a little. July 18, opened wider. July 23 open only a little. July 31 opened. August 6, 7 P. M. closed. August 15, 7 P. M. opened. August 26, 4 P. M. closed. August 27, 11 A. M. opened. August 27, P. M. closed. August 29, 3 P. M. opened. September 3, 11 A. M. closed. Sept. 5 opened. September 10, closed. September 12, opened until Sept. 30.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October	30	10	22	1,350
November	13	7	11	660
December	13	7	10	645
January	7	3	6	359
February	6	1	1	78
March	253	15	104	6,420
April	472	75	257	15,300
May	234	75	152	9,320
June	388	8	141	8,420
July	117	28	72	4,400
August	110	6	29	1,800
September	14	6	10	621
The year	472	1	68	49,373
1924-1925				
October	580	19	77	4,710
November	50	25	31	1,860
December	30	25	29	1,780
January	25	17	22	1,340
February	40	17	24	1,360
March	605	25	154	9,430
April	3,450	654	2,426	144,200
May	1,180	115	309	19,000
June	169	101	134	7,940
July	177	6	65	3,970
August	401	6	47	2,905
September	295	5	43	2,560
The year	3,450	6	280	201,200
1925-1926				
October	30	21	25	1,560
November	35	21	27	1,630
December	25	19	22	1,340
January	19	13	17	1,030
February	17	11	14	750
March	30	9	18	1,110
April	90	38	66	3,900
May	101	50	86	5,230
June	194	60	93	5,530
July	194	101	144	8,850
August	101	64	78	4,800
September	103	34	54	3,230
The year	194	9	53	38,960
1926-1927				
October	112	31	36	2,200
November	31	21	25	1,480
December	21	19	21	1,270
January	21	13	14	830
February	21	9	13	700
March	478	25	177	10,900
April	3,620	445	1,549	92,200
May	3,620	905	2,175	133,700
June	1,580	249	797	47,400
July	267	144	190	11,700
August	188	64	115	7,100
September	153	80	102	6,050
The year	3,620	9	435	315,600

MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGE**Little Missouri River at Medora, N. Dak.**

LOCATION.—In T. 140 N., R. 102 W., at highway bridge 200 feet below Northern Pacific Railway bridge at Medora, Billings County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—6,190 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 12, 1903, to October 31, 1908; October 11, 1921 to May 1, 1926.

GAGE.—Staff gage, on downstream face of middle concrete pier of highway bridge 200 feet below railway bridge; read by John H. Ryder.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from highway bridge or from railway bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed composed of gravel and silt; One channel; no overflow at any stage. Continual erosion and silting causes changes in the channel, but these changes are not very great, and are largely compensating from year to year.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1908; 1921-1926: Maximum stage recorded, 16.0 feet June 24, 1907 (discharge, 22,200 second-feet); minimum stage, 2.4 feet September 28, 1905 (discharge, 2 second-feet.)

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—No diversions large enough to have any considerable effect at the station.

REGULATION.—None.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation fairly permanent except as affected by ice. Rating curve fairly well defined. Gage read to tenths once daily. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table and as explained in footnote to table of daily discharge. Records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER AT MEDORA, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	2,980	205	240	50	.....	2,450	4,000	590	110	400	400	140
2	10,660	205	205	50	.....	2,150	5,000	590	110	790	320	110
3	8,260	175	175	50	40	2,150	12,130	540	110	720	280	110
4	4,040	150	175	50	.....	2,610	18,520*	540	110	650	245	80
5	3,720	128	150	50	.....	2,450	16,360	540	110	445	210	80
6	2,700	128	128	41	.....	2,450	11,020	490	110	400	175	55
7	2,700	109	128	41	.....	2,000	11,900	445	80	360	175	55
8	2,920	128	93	40	40	1,720	11,240	400	80	360	140	55
9	1,780	128	93	40	.....	1,590	9,120	400	80	320	110	55
10	1,360	128	80	40	.....	1,590	9,330	590	110	320	110	55
11	1,130	109	80	.....	50	.....	9,120	540	400	320	110	35
12	2,020	109	80	.....	60	.....	9,120	445	400	320	80	35
13	1,230	109	103	35	80	600	8,700	280	320	250	80	35
14	960	120	128	.....	360†	.....	5,850	210	320	245	80	35
15	2,150	128	128	.....	540	.....	5,670	175	280	245	80	35
16	3,420	128	128	.....	720	.....	2,930	140	280	210	110	35
17	2,700	128	128	.....	870	.....	2,610	140	720	175	170	35
18	1,440	128	128	35	790†	400	2,450	140	1,040	175	175	35
19	1,550	128	128	.....	650	.....	2,450	110	4,100	175	175	35
20	1,440	109	109	.....	650	.....	2,150	110	2,300	350	140	35
21	1,130	205	109	.....	590	.....	1,460	175	2,770	1,040	110	35
22	730	240	109	.....	590	.....	1,230	140	1,340	490	650	35
23	560	240	109	30	540	300	1,080	140	1,130	1,130	540	35
24	500	205	109	.....	650	.....	1,040	140	590	1,460	446	35
25	500	205	93	.....	650	.....	870	140	445	1,860	400	23
26	440	205	93	.....	590	1,000	790	140	400	1,130	400	23
27	330	205	80	.....	720	4,610	650	140	360	490	360	23
28	280	205	80	40	1,460	4,100	790	140	360	650	280	23
29	280	240	69	.....	1,720	3,930	790	140	445	540	280	23
30	240	240	69	.....	.....	3,900	650	110	445	245	245	23
31	240	240	59	40	.....	3,900	.....	110	.....	445	210	.....
Accuracy	B	C	C	E	E	E	B	B	B	B	B	C

Note—†Ice gone or going. *Gage height, 13.8 ft. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Dec. 26 to March 29.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER AT MEDORA, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	15	86			15	4,270	1,340	176	210	790	210	32
2	15	86			30	5,130	1,130	176	400	720	210	22
3	22	86		15	60	4,780	1,040	176	5,850	1,860	210	22
4	46	86	26		64	4,950	950	176	2,610		176	22
5	112	86			400	5,070	790	142	1,460	455	112	22
6		86			345	3,930	650	142	870	400		22
7	112	86			870	1,230	515	112	790	1,590	86	22
8	86	86			1,040	5,130	515	112	2,610	790	32	22
9	250	112	20	12	950	5,130	515	112	2,150	580	32	22
10	580	112			870	5,860	455	86	1,720	400	32	45
11	650	112			870	3,090	455	86	870	345	32	64
12	950	86			650	4,270	455	86	950	345	32	295
13	2,300	86	15	10	790	5,490	400	86	630	295	32	295
14	2,450	86			455	3,930	400	86	720	250	22	176
15	1,720	86			345	4,100	400	86	790	250	142	345
16					295	4,440	345	64	790	210	142	345
17	1,720				295	4,950	345	64	1,720	210	86	285
18	870	64	15	11	295	5,850	295	64	3,590	176	64	295
19	580				250	5,570	250	46	2,450	176	64	250
20	455				250	5,130	210	46	2,000	176	46	176
21	400				250	12,400*	210	46	2,930	176	46	142
22	400				250	2,930	210	46	5,850	142	32	142
23	345	46	15	15	250	5,310	210	46	5,490	112	32	86
24	295				960	5,670	210	46	4,950	112	32	86
25	176				720	4,780	176	46	3,930	86	32	64
26					345	6,030	176	46	3,090	64	32	64
27	142				455	4,610	176	46	1,130	64	32	64
28	112	32	15	15	6,210	3,590	176	46	1,130	46	32	64
29	112					3,420	176	46	1,040	250	32	46
30	112					2,450	176	46	1,040	250	32	46
31	86		15	15		2,150		46		210	32	

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Note—*Gage Height 14.2 ft. Stout correction for estimated effect of ice applied Nov. 16 to March 30.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND FEET, OF LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER AT MEDORA, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	46	15	20	15	10	176	1,720	112	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	46	15	23	15	.....	176	1,720	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	46	15	26	.....	.....	176	1,590	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	46	15	29	.....	.....	720	1,590	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	32	15	32	.....	.....	176	1,590	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	32	15	.....	.....	10	86	1,590	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	32	15	.....	.....	.....	176	1,460	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	32	15	.....	.....	.....	142	1,230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	32	15	.....	15	.....	176	1,130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	32	15	.....	.....	.....	112	1,040	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	32	15	.....	.....	.....	112	580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	32	15	22	.....	.....	1,130	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	32	15	30	.....	10	1,720	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	32	15	29	.....	10	1,130	345	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	22	.....	27	.....	11	790	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	22	.....	26	15	12	790	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	22	.....	25	14	13	650	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	22	.....	24	14	14	2,300	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	22	.....	22	13	15	3,590	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	22	.....	21	12	15	2,450	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	22	15	20	11	15	4,100	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	22	.....	15	11	.....	5,490	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	22	.....	18	10	210	5,850*	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	22	.....	17	.....	176	5,850*	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	22	.....	16	.....	176	4,780	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	22	.....	15	.....	176	3,760	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	22	210	3,090	142
28	22	15	176	2,300	142
29	22	15	1,860	112
30	15	15	10	1,860	112
31	15	15	1,720

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Note—*Gage height, 8.0 ft. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Dec. 1, to March 17.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER AT MEDORA, N. D.

	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
Month	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October	10,660	240	2,048	126,000
November	240	109	163	8,710
December	240	59	115	7,090
January	50	30	38	2,360
February	1,720	40	437	25,200
March	4,610	300	1,584	97,400
April	18,520	650	5,634	335,000
May	590	110	288	17,800
June	4,100	80	634	37,800
July	1,860	175	547	33,600
August	650	80	238	14,300
September	140	23	47	2,820
The year	18,520	23	980	709,000
1924-1925				
October	2,450	15	528	32,500
November	112	32	69	4,120
December	26	15	18	1,080
January	15	10	13	793
February	1,040	15	663	36,800
March	12,400	1,230	4,761	293,000
April	1,340	176	445	26,500
May	176	46	85	5,220
June	5,850	210	2,130	126,000
July	1,860	46	400	24,600
August	210	22	70	4,290
September	345	22	120	7,130
The year	12,400	10	775	562,000
1925-1926				
October	46	15	27	1,690
November	15	15	15	890
December	32	15	24	1,460
January	15	10	13	800
February	210	10	49	2,730
March	5,850	86	1,821	111,900
April	1,720	112	654	38,900
May .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
The Period	5,850	10	372	158,400

KNIFE RIVER NEAR BRONCHO, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—In S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 142 N., R. 90 W., at C. D. Smith's ranch, half a mile below mouth of Elm Creek, 6 miles from Broncho, Mercer County, and 15 miles above Spring Creek.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,200 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 29, 1903, to October 31, 1919; October 10, 1921 to September 30, 1925; March 1 to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Cantilever chain gage on left bank near observer's house; datum unchanged since March 23, 1905. Read by Arthur C. Smith, and Robert Crowley.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from cable 500 feet below gage or by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Stream bed below gage composed of large gravel and stones, slightly shifting. Channel narrow with steep banks, overflowing at gage height 20 feet.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1919; 1921-1927: Maximum stage recorded, 24.0 feet June 26, 1914 (discharge, 7,700 second-feet); river dry September 6-8, 1905, and September 18, and 19, 1908.

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

REGULATION.—None.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation permanent except as affected by ice. Rating curve fairly well defined between 4 and 2,500 second-feet. Gage read to tenths once daily. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table. Records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF KNIFE RIVER NEAR BRONCHO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1												
2	48	18	12			66	61	96	33	101	33	25
3	61	18	18			121	101	91	33	91	33	25
4	65	25	18		5	132	359	91	33	91	25	25
5	4	25	12			271	1,210*	81	33	81	25	25
6	73	25	18			416	1,580*		33		25	
7												
8	77	18	12			239	844	71	33	51	25	25
9	81	18				209	359	71	33	51	25	25
10	71	25	12		5	195	195	61	33	359	25	25
11	51	33	12			168	111	51	33	323	25	25
12	51	42	12			188	91	51	33	271	25	25
13												
14	42	42	18			111	91	51	71	132	25	25
15	42	42	12			101	81	51	121	111	25	25
16	42	33	12		5	91	71	42	255	91	25	25
17	42	33	12			81	71	42	209	51	25	25
18	42	25	12			71	71	42	651	42	25	25
19												
20	33	25	12			71	61	42	426	33	25	25
21	25	18	12			51	61	42	288	33	25	25
22	25	18	12		5	51	61	42	224	33	25	25
23	25	18	12			51	61	42	844	33	25	25
24	25	18	12			33	61	42	1,070	51	25	33
25	25	25	12			25	61	42	1,520	96	25	33
26	18	18	12			25	61	42	436	126	25	33
27	18	18	12		5	25	51	33	188	91	25	33
28	18	18	12			33	51	33	153	81	25	33
29	18	18	12			42	51	33	132	51	25	33
30	18	18	12			101	61	33	111	42	25	33
31	18	18	6		5	91	61	33	121	42	25	33
			6		10	71	101	33	149	42	25	33
			6		56	51	106	33	132	33	25	33
			6			42	101	33	132	33	25	33
			6			51		33		33	25	
Accuracy	C	C	D	E	E	D	C	B	B	B	C	C

Note.—*Maximum observed gage height 11.7 ft. f—frozen, r—ice running. Stout correction applied for effect of ice Nov. 29 to March 24.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF KNIFE RIVER NEAR BRONCHO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	25	25	12	.....	.....	7	91	33	7	12	2	2
2	25	25	12	.....	.....	7	91	33	188	12	2	2
3	25	25	12	.....	10	10	81	33	1,860*	12	2	2
4	25	25	12	.....	.....	33	81	33	1,768	12	2	2
5	33	25	12	.....	.....	101	71	33	175	12	2	2
6	33	25	12	.....	15	.....	61	33	132	12	2	2
7	33	25	12	.....	.....	.....	61	33	91	12	2	2
8	33	25	12	.....	51	22	51	33	71	12	2	2
9	33	25	12	.....	81	.....	51	33	81	12	2	2
10	33	25	12f	.....	155	.....	51	33	91	12	2	2
11	33	18	12	.....	181	.....	42	33	91	7	2	2
12	174	18	.....	.....	168	.....	42	33	81	7	2	2
13	202	18	15	8	111	10	42	33	81	7	2	4
14	239	18	.....	.....	91	.....	51	33	71	7	2	4
15	497	18	.....	.....	81	.....	42	33	71	7	2	4
16	436	18	.....	.....	33	.....	42	33	61	7	2	4
17	255	18	.....	.....	18	.....	42	33	61	4	2	4
18	101	18	12	7	15	10	51	4	42	4	2	4
19	51	25	.....	.....	12	.....	42	4	42	4	2	4
20	33	25	.....	.....	10	.....	42	4	33	4	2	4
21	33	18	.....	.....	.....	10	33	4	25	4	2	4
22	33	18	.....	.....	.....	20	33	4	25	2	2	4
23	33	18	10	7	8	323	33	4	25	2	2	4
24	33	25	.....	.....	.....	224	33	4	18	2	2	4
25	25	25	.....	.....	.....	606	33	4	18	2	2	4
26	25	25	.....	.....	.....	923	33	4	18	2	2	4
27	25	18	.....	.....	8	476	33	4	18	2	2	4
28	25	12	9	7	.....	397	33	4	12	2	2	4
29	25	12	.....	.....	.....	397	33	4	12	2	2	4
30	25	12	.....	.....	.....	300	33	4	12	2	2	7
31	25	.....	9	7	.....	200	.....	4	.....	2	2	.....
Accuracy	C	D	E	E	E	E	B	C	B	C	C	C

Note—*Gage height 11.9 ft. f—frozen. Stout correction for effect of ice applied November 11 to March 29.

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DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF KNIFE RIVER NEAR BRONCHO, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1						10	66	33	46	138	38	33
2						10	66	42	29	106	33	33
3						18	66	33	29	101	33	33
4						12	56	25	21	96	33	33
5						7	61	25	25	96	33	33
6												
7						18	71	25	33	86	33	33
8						25	66	76	38	71	33	33
9						51	66	126	33	46	33	33
10						61	66	2,310	25	42	33	33
11						121	61	3,940*	33	46	33	33
12												
13						195	56	3,680	46	51	33	33
14						224	56	3,510	51	71	33	33
15						255	51	2,920	42	151	33	51
16						288	46	2,090	46	195	33	81
17						397	61	1,880	42	168	42	71
18												
19						397	66	1,620	51	168	42	51
20						323	56	1,430	42	191	42	42
21						323	48	1,240	106	198	33	42
22						271	51	896	106	232	33	42
23								651	101	280	33	46
24						224	38	378	91	209	33	46
25						209	46	288	96	216	33	51
26						195	46	224	86	239	38	51
27						155	42	155	106	280	42	51
28						76	33	132	116	271	38	42
29												
30						76	33	116	111	188	33	42
31						86	38	116	91	116	33	42
						66	33	101	91	71	33	42
						71	25	76	111	46	33	42
						76	25	46	136	42	33	42
						66	.....	46	.....	42	33	.....

Accuracy

Note.—* Observed gage height at 5 P. M. 17.3 ft. Stout correction applied for effect of ice March 1 to 18.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF KNIFE RIVER NEAR BRONCHO, N. DAK.

	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
Month	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October	81	18	38	2,370
November	42	18	25	1,500
December	18	6	12	728
January			6	369
February	56	5	7	405
March	416	25	104	6,390
April	1,580	51	210	12,500
May	96	33	51	3,120
June	1,520	33	252	15,000
July	359	33	90	5,530
August	33	25	26	1,570
September	33	25	28	1,660
The year	1,580	5	71	51,200
1924-1925				
October	497	25	85	5,210
November	25	12	21	1,240
December	15	9	12	712
January	9	7	8	480
February	181	8	42	2,320
March	923	7	137	8,420
April	91	33	49	2,890
May	33	4	20	1,220
June	1,850	7	142	8,470
July	12	2	7	401
August	2	2	2	123
September	7	2	3	196
The year	1,850	2	44	31,700
1926-1927				
October .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
January .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	397	7	149	9,180
April	71	25	51	3,040
May	3,940	25	911	55,990
June	126	21	66	3,930
July	280	42	138	8,460
August	42	33	35	2,130
September	81	33	42	2,520
The Period	3,940	7	177	85,200

SPRING CREEK AT ZAP, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—On Northern Pacific bridge at Zap, N. Dak.

DRAINAGE AREA.—547 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—Station established March 4, 1924.

GAGE.—Staff on piling of bridge, read by Peter Koppi and Robert Stroup.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Wading.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

ACCURACY.—Very uncertain, because of lack of high water measurements. Published as a record of the occurrence of flood flows and as a guide to a more intelligent estimate than available otherwise.

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DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF SPRING CREEK AT ZAP, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	3	3									3	4
2	3	3									3	4
3	3	3									3	4
4	3	3									3	3
5	3	3									5	3
6	3	3									5	3
7	5	3									5	3
8	5	3									5	3
9	5	3									4	4
10	7	3									4	4
11	5	3									4	4
12	10	3									4	4
13	19	3									4	4
14	10	3									4	4
15	75	3									4	4
16	105*	3									4	4
17	75	3									4	4
18	50	3									4	4
19	40	3									4	4
20	31	2									3	4
21	23	2								3	3	4
22	13	2								3	4	5
23	10	2								3	4	5
24	5	2								3	4	5
25	3	2								3	3	5
26	3	2								3	3	5
27	3	2								3	3	5
28	3	2								3	3	5
29	3	2								3	3	5
30	3	2								3	3	5
31	3	2								3	4	5
Accuracy	B	C								D	C	C

Note—*Gage height 10.8 ft. Stout correction for effect of ice applied after Nov. 19.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF SPRING CREEK AT ZAP, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	5	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7	27	5	2	3
2	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7	27	4	2	4
3	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6	20	4	2	4
4	4	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	4	15	4	3	4
5	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	4	2	7
6	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	8	11	4	2	7
7	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	11	8	4	3	6
8	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	7	7	447*	2	3
9	6	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	31	6	432	3	3
10	6	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	30	5	417	3	3
11	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	25	5	65	3	6
12	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	18	5	62	2	6
13	6	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	13	6	50	5	6
14	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	10	5	19	3	6
15	6	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	11	4	6	4	6
16	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	9	5	7	3	6
17	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	8	4	4	3	6
18	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	5	6	4	3	6
19	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	6	4	4	3	6
20	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	9	5	4	3	6
21	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	8	9	3	3	7
22	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	7	5	3	3	6
23	6	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	6	5	3	3	45
24	10	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	7	4	3	4	10
25	14	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	8	4	3	4	43
26	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8	4	2	3	10
27	27	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	11	4	3	3	7
28	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	20	4	3	3	9
29	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	291	3	3	3	9
30	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	252	4	2	3	9
31	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	3	2	3	.....
Accuracy	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	C	C	D	D	C

Note—*Gage height 13.6 ft. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Nov. 7 to April 8.

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DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF SPRING CREEK AT ZAP, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	216	10	97	23	27	9
2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	216	13	65	25	27	9
3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	183	13	40	27	27	9
4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	113	11	40	53	27	9
5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	31	13	45	27	27	9
6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	31	13	45	15	27	9
7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	31	13	45	33	31	9
8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	97	31	82	45	10	31	9
9	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	31	131	35	10	31	9
10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	97	31	122	262	10	31	9
11	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	31	82	122	10	31	9
12	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	31	105	86	6	31	9
13	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	36	542	97	28	31	9
14	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	161	36	472	22	17	31	9
15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	216	56	402	20	26	31	9
16	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	265	56	161	18	26	31	9
17	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	331	56	82	50	72	31	9
18	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	331	23	62	75	75	31	9
19	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	304	97	45	59	72	31	9
20	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	75	40	33	48	14	7
21	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	183	75	45	56	34	31	7
22	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	19	35	27	542	40	7
23	6	.....	.....	.....	3	89	19	62	31	1,210*	40	7
24	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	19	45	18	1,766	31	7
25	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	19	42	17	766	23	9
26	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	19	42	17	766	23	9
27	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	19	42	17	766	23	9
28	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	11	40	13	82	23	9
29	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	10	40	23	62	31	9
30	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	10	35	27	42	10	9
31	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	161	10	35	240	40	10	9
Accuracy	C	E	E	E	E	E	B	D	C	D	B	C

Note.—*Observed gage height July 23, at 8 A. M., 19.3 ft., discharge estimated 1360 second-feet. Stout correction applied for ice effect, from Nov. 10 to March 30.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF SPRING CREEK AT ZAP, N. DAK.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
January .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	228	20	112	6,880
April	622	35	134	7,930
May	112	8	34	2,080
June	878	8	75	4,400
July	172	13	24	1,510
August	13	4	8	480
September	4	3	3	182
The Period	878	3	55	23,500
1924-1925				
October	105	3	17	1,050
November	3	2	3	155
December .....	.....	.....	2	123
January .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	3	3	1	60
August	5	3	4	234
September	6	3	4	248
The Period	105	2	6	1,870
1925-1926				
October	27	4	7	450
November	27	3	9	540
December .....	.....	.....	6	370
January .....	.....	.....	5	310
February .....	.....	.....	4	220
March .....	.....	.....	10	620
April	172	4	44	2,610
May	291	4	29	1,800
June	27	3	8	460
July	447	2	51	3,140
August	5	2	3	180
September	45	3	9	510
The year	447	2	15	11,200
1926-1927				
October	10	5	6	400
November .....	.....	.....	5	300
December .....	.....	.....	4	250
January .....	.....	.....	4	250
February .....	.....	.....	3	170
March	331	3	139	8,550
April	216	10	54	3,210
May	542	10	93	5,690
June	252	13	59	3,490
July	1,210	6	143	8,800
August	40	10	28	1,730
September	9	7	9	520
The year	1,210	3	46	33,300

Monthly flow, Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, where shown, estimated from Weather Bureau temperature precipitation records, and adjoining streams.

HEART RIVER NEAR RICHARDTON, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—In sec. 21, T. 138 N., R. 92 W., 11 miles south of Richardton, Stark County, near house of Charles W. Church, 1 mile below steel highway bridge.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,250 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—May 18, 1903, to April 1, 1924.

GAGE.—Chain gage near observer's house on right bank of river. In case of accident to regular gage, readings are made at former chain gage located at highway bridge 1 mile upstream. The two gage datums are so related that readings at the bridge are approximately 20 feet less than at gage regularly used; read by Mrs. W. F. Church.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from bridge or by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed composed of gravel and sand. Control of same material one-fourth mile below; gage may shift.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1924: Maximum stage recorded, 25.9 feet at highway bridge June 10, 1906 (discharge, 8,020 second-feet); river dry during periods in 1903, 1905, 1914, and 1919.

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

REGULATION.—No storage above that appreciably affects the discharge.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation permanent except as affected by ice. Rating curve fairly well defined. Gage read to half-tenths once daily except during winter when observations were discontinued and for several periods during summer. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table. Records fair.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF HEART RIVER NEAR RICHARDTOWN, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	1.2	10	.....	.....	.....	139	862	124	110	294	83	139
2	1.2	10	.....	.....	.....	450	836	110	110	50	96	139
3	1.2	10	.....	.....	.....	390	762	50	96	71	96	139
4	1.2	13	.....	.....	.....	370	691	50	96	60	96	154
5	1.2	19	.....	.....	.....	390	555	60	96	607	96	154
6	1.2	44	.....	.....	.....	154	557	71	96	220	110	154
7	1.6	39	.....	.....	.....	96	536	71	96	170	110	154
8	1.6	35	.....	.....	.....	83	513	71	83	203	124	154
9	1.6	35	.....	.....	.....	60	470	71	96	238	110	154
10	1.6	35	.....	.....	.....	32	450	71	96	256	124	154
11	1.6	35	.....	.....	.....	71	370	71	96	332	60	154
12	1.6	30	.....	.....	.....	83	645	71	96	50	71	154
13	1.6	26	.....	.....	.....	32	1,380*	71	110	60	83	154
14	1.6	23	.....	8	.....	154	1,130	71	124	71	96	154
15	1.6	19s	1	.....	3	203	966	71	124	83	110	154
16	1.6	19	.....	.....	.....	220	836	71	124	96	110	154
17	2.2	19	.....	.....	.....	203	410	71	110	110	110	139
18	2.2	23	.....	.....	.....	96	390	71	139	110	110	139
19	3	19f	.....	.....	.....	110	370	71	154	110	124	139
20	3	19w	.....	.....	.....	124	351	71	154	430	124	110
21	4.1	19	.....	.....	.....	83	332	83	124	410	124	124
22	4.1	19	.....	.....	.....	60	275	83	139	470	124	124
23	5.5	19	.....	.....	.....	124	204	83	124	220	124	139
24	5.5	19	.....	.....	.....	170	238	96	124	170	139	139
25	5.5	19f	.....	.....	.....	124	186	96	83	203	110	450
26	5.5	8	.....	.....	.....	124	170	96	110	170	332	50
27	5.5	13	.....	.....	50	645	154	96	862	256	71	238
28	5.5	12	.....	.....	.....	579	154	110	557	294	110	738
29	5.5	11	.....	.....	.....	1,100	124	96	313	41	110	491
30	8	10	4	.....	.....	966	124	96	60	60	110	351
31	8	.....	.....	3	.....	645	124	96	.....	60	124	.....

Accuracy

Note: *Gage height 31.1 ft. f—frozen. w—water running over ice. s—frozen at margin. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Nov. 24 to April 1.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF HEART RIVER NEAR RICHARDTON, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	836	23	3			23	67					
2	1,020*	16	f			38						
3	668	16				57						
4	332	16				153						
5	410	16				332						
6		16				167						
7	211	16				106						
8	139	16				167						
9	101	16				126						
10	89	10				113						
11	167	10										
12	78	10				89						
13	277	16				67						
14	181	23				57						
15	139	23				47						
16	126	23				30						
17	101	23			16	23						
18	67	23	10			16						
19	67	18	10			10						
20	57	16	10			10						
21	47	16	9									
22	38	16				10						
23	30	16				10						
24	30	16				10						
25	30	10				16						
26	30	10				23						
27	23	10				30						
28	23	10				38						
29	23s	10				47						
30	23	6				67						
31	23		6	0.6		67						
Accuracy	C	C	D	E	E	E						

Note.—*Gage height 29.8 ft. s—frozen at margin. f—frozen.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF HEART RIVER NEAR RICHARDTON, N. DAK.

	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in
Month	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	acre-feet
1922-1923				
October	8	1	3	191
November	39	8	21	1,250
December	4	1	3	184
January	8	3	5	307
February	50	3	8	444
March	1,100	32	261	17,000
April	1,380	124	501	29,800
May	124	50	80	4,940
June	862	60	158	9,380
July	667	41	195	12,000
August	332	60	114	6,980
September	738	50	192	11,500
The year	1,380	1	128	93,900
1923-1924				
October	1,020	23	174	10,700
November	23	6	15	910
December	10	6	7	430
January .....	.....	.....	3	170
February	16	16	3	179
March	332	10	68	4,200
April .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
The Period	1,020	6	45	16,600

HEART RIVER NEAR SUNNY, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—Highway bridge $\frac{3}{4}$ miles west of Sunny station of Northern Pacific Railway in Twp. 139 N., R. 82 W., about 8 miles from mouth of river near Mandan, N. Dak.

DRAINAGE AREA.—3320 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—Station established April 1, 1924.

GAGE.—Staff in sections or piers of bridge. Read by Robert Christiansen, G. P. Eckroth, and Roy Morrell.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from bridge or by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Section fairly permanent.

ICE.—Stage-discharge affected by ice.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

ACCURACY.—Good. Backwater from ice jams in Missouri River may affect it for short period at extremely rare intervals.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF HEART RIVER NEAR SUNNY, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	50	200	49	1,200	83	5
2	100	261	49	916	65	5
3	200	293	49	449	49	5
4	500	230	49	338	49	5
5	1,000	192	49	284	49	5
6	2,000	184	36	236	49	5
7	2,000	178	36	208	49	5
8	1,830	173	52	178	49	5
9	1,800	178	65	132	36	9
10	738	173	62	127	36	9
11	489	157	69	127	30	5
12	410	152	83	104	25	5
13	335	162	62	338	25	5
14	300	127	74	236	16	5
15	267	127	200	178	16	5
16	267	127	251	127	16	5
17	230	104	300	116	16	5
18	200	104	1,010	104	16	5
19	184	104	2,530*	104	36	5
20	178	104	1,400	83	25	5
21	178	83	1,720	267	49	5
22	157	83	1,300	267	104	5
23	152	74	2,290	284	65	5
24	139	74	1,400	231	49	4
25	139	65	825	410	25	2
26	147	65	529	570	9	5
27	178	65	372	300	9	9
28	147	65	335	208	9	7
29	165	57	825	178	9	5
30	165	49	1,510	152	9	5
31	49	.....	104	5	5
Accuracy	C											
	A			B			A			B		

Note.—*Maximum observed gage height 13.2 ft.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF HEART RIVER NEAR SUNNY, N. DAK. FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1926

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1				10	7	25	36	20	9	16	83	5
2	2	9		10	7	25	36	20	9	16	65	9
3	2					25	36	20	49	11	49	25
4	2		9			25	36	20	36	9	36	104
5	2					30	65	20	36	9	36	127
6	2				9	25	57	20	36	7	16	83
7	4	9	9			25	57	20	25	7	9	65
8	5	9				36	49	20	25	5	9	36
9	5	9		7	12	42	49	20	16	5	9	16
10	7					49	49	25	16	5	7	9
11	7	16	16			49	49	36	9	5	5	9
12	7				12	49	42	30	9	4	5	9
13	5					49	42	25	9	2	2	7
14	5	9				49	42	25	9	2	2	5
15	5					42	36	25	16	2	2	5
16	5	9				42	36	25	65	1	2	4
17	5					45	36	25	65	1	5	2
18	5					65	36	25	49	1	36	2
19	7					104	36	25	42	1	36	2
20	7					140	36	20	65	1	36	2
21	9	9	12			236*	36	20	127	1	65	9
22	7				12	204	36	20	127	1	65	5
23	5					178	36	25	104	36	65	2
24	5					152	36	20	65	4	49	2
25	5					152	25	20	49	4	49	1
26	7		12			127	25	16	42	4	36	1
27	7				16	127	25	16	36	5	25	1
28	9				20	104	25	12	25	36	16	2
29	9					83	25	12	25	49	16	2
30	9	9				65	20	9	16	9	9	1
31	9					49	.....	9	.....	104	5	.....
Accuracy	C	C	D	D	D	D	B	C	C	C	C	C

Note.—*Gage-height 8.8 ft. Stout correction applied to gage-heights Nov. 6 to March 22, for effect of ice.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF HEART RIVER NEAR SUNNY, N. DAK.

	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
Month	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1923-1924				
October	-----	-----	-----	-----
November	-----	-----	-----	-----
December	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	-----	-----	-----	-----
February	-----	-----	-----	-----
March	-----	-----	-----	-----
April	2,060	50	474	28,200
May	293	40	131	8,030
June	2,530	36	586	34,900
July	1,200	104	275	16,900
August	104	5	35	2,140
September	9	2	5	303
The Period	2,530	2	251	90,400
1924-1925				
October	300	5	59	3,610
November	42	25	32	1,890
December	-----	-----	20	1,230
January	-----	-----	15	922
February	-----	-----	20	1,110
March	962	9	270	16,600
April	611	65	175	10,400
May	65	25	40	2,460
June	825	30	312	18,500
July	152	3	38	2,360
August	5	2	3	184
September	5	2	3	180
The year	962	2	82	59,500
1925-1926				
October	9	2	6	340
November	16	9	10	570
December	16	9	12	730
January	10	7	7	450
February	20	7	12	650
March	236	25	78	4,830
April	65	20	39	2,310
May	36	9	21	1,280
June	127	9	40	2,400
July	104	1	13	800
August	83	2	27	1,690
September	127	1	18	1,090
The year	236	1	24	17,140
1926-1927				
October	2	2	2	120
November	3	1	2	130
December	2	2	2	120
January	-----	-----	2	120
February	267	2	29	1,630
March	1,780	16	317	19,500
April	127	36	88	5,250
May	4,710	25	1,048	64,400
June	1,610	65	272	16,200
July	236	36	79	4,860
August	65	9	21	1,290
September	236	5	41	2,440
The year	4,710	1	160	116,100

CANNONBALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—In NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 21, T. 133 N., R. 82 W., at boundary of standing Rock Indian Reservation, 5 miles east of present location of Stevenson post office, Morton County, 4 miles above mouth of Dogtooth Creek, and 4 miles southeast of Timmer.

DRAINAGE AREA.—3,650 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—June 10, 1903, to November 30, 1908; August 9, 1911, to September 30, 1918; October 1, 1921, to September 30, 1927.

GAGE.—Chain gage on left bank. Datum of gage the same as the datum of the gage maintained at same point from 1903 to 1910 and 1915 to date, read by F. S. Bingenheimer.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made by wading and from cable 20 rods above gage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream composed of sand, gravel, and stones, covered in places by silt to a depth of a foot. Control composed of stones and small boulders, at riffle 20 rods below gage; shifts slightly.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—1903-1908; 1911-1918; 1921-1927: Maximum stage recorded, 21.05 feet April 2, 1912 (discharge, 6,360 second-feet); no flow during periods each year 1904-1908 and 1913.

ICE.—Stage-discharge relation affected by ice. Observations discontinued during winter.

DIVERSIONS.—None.

REGULATION.—No dams that appreciably affect the flow.

ACCURACY.—Stage-discharge relation permanent except as affected by ice. Rating curve fairly well defined between 2 and 4,000 second-feet. Gage read to half-tenths once daily; occasionally to hundredths. Daily discharge ascertained by applying daily gage height to rating table. Records for open-water periods, fair; for periods of ice effect, poor.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	6	10			126	3,140		280	62	622	325	80
2	6	10			102	6,900†		280	62	650	325	80
3	6	17			54	6,600		205	62	932	325	47
4	6	26						147	62	080	280	23
5	6	59						147	62	965	280	8
6	6	67						147	80	998	770	147
7	6	86						147	80	1,060	650	122
8	6	59			20			147	80	535	535	71
9	6	50						147	80	535	425	62
10	6	50						147	80	480	375	47
11	6	44						122	80	425	325	47
12	6	44						122	80	280	325	47
13	6	44						122	80	240	325	47
14	6	50						122	80	205	325	47
15	6	67						122	80	205	480	34
16	6	86						122	80	205	325	34
17	6	86						122	80	205	325	62
18	6	107						100	62	175	280	62
19	6	86						100	62	175	280	62
20	6							100	80	1,450	280	62
21	6							100	80	1,450	325	47
22	6							80	80	770	325	47
23	6							80	80	650	325	47
24	7							80	80	535	280	47
25	7							80	80	425	280	80
26	7							80	122	425	280	868
27	10							80	1,800*	425	240	680
28	10							80	1,450	375	205	835
29	10			102				80	802	375	175	900
30	10			180				80	480	325	122	770
31	10			152				62		325	100	

Accuracy

Note—*Observed maximum gage height 7.6 ft. at 4 P. M. June 27. †Uncertain.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	485	180s	46	.....	23	15w	40	210	33*	81	9	33
2	900	126f	.....	.....	23	23	152	210	33	81	9	33
3	770	152	.....	.....	.....	46	1,450	180	33	62	23	23
4	595	152	.....	.....	.....	15	1,030	152	33	46	23	23
5	650	152	.....	.....	.....	9f	802	152	33	33	81	23
6	540	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,030	126	33	33	62	23
7	595	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,730	126	33	33	46	15
8	595	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,880*	102	106	46	33	15
9	540	126	.....	.....	9	.....	1,590	102	106	46	33	23
10	540	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,450	102	114	46	23	23
11	595	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	868	81	92	33	15	15
12	540	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	595	81	152	33	15	15
13	485	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	430	81	75	23	15	15
14	485	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	81	139	23	15	15
15	540	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	245	81	180	23	15	15
16	430	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	210	81	114	33	15	9
17	330	126	33	.....	.....	.....	210	62	62	33	15	9
18	285	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	62	265	33	307	9
19	285	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	62	650	23	595	5
20	285	126	.....	.....	9	.....	126	56	430	81	1,450	5
21	285	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	56	180	62	1,590	5
22	285	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	56	102	46	180	5
23	285	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	56	81	62	102	5
24	245	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	46	81	33	81	3
25	245	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	46	81	33	62	3
26	245	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	46	62	33	46	3
27	210	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	46	62	33	33	5
28	210	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	210	41	102	33	33	5
29	180	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	485	41	102	23	46	9
30	180	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	41	92	15	46	9
31	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	15	33	.....
Accuracy	D	D	E	E	E	E	A	A	A	A	B	B

Note: *Maximum observed. s—frozen margin, f—frozen, w—water running over ice. Stout correction for effect of ice applied Dec. 5 to April 3.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	5	33	15	.....	5	15	650	33	3	46	3	0.5
2	5	23	15	.....	5	15	568	33	1	126	3	0.5
3	5	23	9	5	46	15	355	23	0	102	3	0.5
4	9	23	9	.....	46	46	245	23	0	81	2	0.5
5	9	23	9	.....	46	46	210	15	0	62	2	0.5
6	5	23	.....	.....	46	102	180	15	0	46	2	0.5
7	5	23	.....	.....	180	285	152	15	540	46	2	0.5
8	23	23	8	5	152	245	152	15	2,870	46	1.5	46
9	102	15	.....	.....	126	180	126	15	1,170	62	1.5	33
10	62	15	.....	.....	126	245	126	15	210	46	1.5	23
11	46	.....	.....	.....	180	152	126	15	126	33	1.5	9
12	46	.....	.....	.....	126	81	102	15	91	23	2	5
13	62	15	10	5	62	180	102	9	62	23	2	5
14	62	.....	.....	.....	33	210	81	9	62	23	2	5
15	46	.....	.....	.....	30	245	81	15	62	62	2	5
16	46	15	.....	.....	.....	285	62	15	114	46	2	3
17	33	15	.....	.....	.....	330	62	15	1,310	33	1.5	3
18	23	15	8	5	20	595	62	9	245	23	1.5	2
19	23	23	.....	.....	.....	770	62	9	102	23	1.5	2
20	15	23	.....	.....	.....	965	62	9	81	15	1.5	2
21	33	15	.....	.....	.....	1,100	62	9	62	15	1.5	1.5
22	33	15	.....	.....	.....	1,380	46	139	1,380	15	1.5	1.5
23	33	15	7	5	20	1,960	46	180	1,240	9	1	1.5
24	46	15	.....	.....	.....	3,800	46	62	540	9	1	1.5
25	62	15	.....	.....	.....	4,400*	62	33	102	9	1	1
26	46	15	.....	.....	15	3,000	62	33	152	5	1	1
27	46	23	.....	.....	15	3,050	62	23	81	5	1	1
28	33	15	6	5	15	1,100	62	15	125	5	1	1.5
29	33	9	.....	.....	.....	1,170	62	15	81	5	1	1.5
30	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	965	46	9	62	3	0.5	2
31	33	.....	6	5	.....	802	.....	9	.....	3	0.5	.....

Accuracy

B

Note.—*Gage height 9.4 ft. f—frozen. r—ice running. Stout correction for ice effect applied Nov. 10 to March 22.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	02	81	23	46	126	33	33
2	2	5	.....	.....	.....	126	126	33	46	102	33	23
3	2	5	.....	.....	.....	132	02	33	33	102	33	622
4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	132	02	23	33	102	33	430
5	1	4f	.....	.....	3	126	46	23	23	102	62	210
6	1	3	.....	.....	3	152	46	23	23	81	46	126
7	2	3	.....	.....	3	180	46	33	46	81	46	102
8	3	2	.....	.....	5	210	46	33	46	02	46	81
9	3	2	.....	.....	5	81	33	46	33	540	46	62
10	3	2	.....	.....	3	81	33	46	33	166	46	62
11	3	2	.....	.....	46	46	46	46	23	102	46	62
12	3	2	.....	.....	54	33	33	33	23	102	46	62
13	3	2	.....	.....	15	37	33	33	23	81	46	46
14	3	2	.....	.....	10	42	33	33	114	81	46	46
15	3	3	.....	.....	8	46	46	33	81	62	46	650
16	3	2	.....	.....	7	81	46	33	1,450	62	46	81
17	3	2	.....	.....	7	102	33	23	1,590*	46	33	46
18	3	2	.....	.....	6	126	46	23	768	46	102	46
19	3	2	.....	.....	6	126	33	23	650	33	210	33
20	2	3	.....	.....	6	126	33	23	595	33	228	33
21	2	3	.....	.....	6	180	33	23	540	46	102	33
22	2	3	.....	.....	6	126	33	23	485	46	102	23
23	2	3	.....	.....	6	81	46	23	380	46	81	23
24	2	3	.....	.....	6	81	46	23	285	46	81	33
25	2	3	.....	.....	8	02	33	23	245	46	62	33
26	2	3	.....	.....	10	62	33	23	210	46	46	33
27	2	3	.....	.....	15	62	23	15	210	33	33	23
28	2	3	.....	.....	33	81	23	15	180	33	23	23
29	3	3	.....	.....	.....	81	23	33	152	33	81	23
30	3	3	.....	.....	.....	81	23	62	152	33	02	23
31	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	46	.....	33	46	.....
Accuracy	D	D	E	E	E	D	H	C	B	B	B	B

Note—*Gage height 6.2 ft. Stout correction applied for effect of ice, Nov. 20 to March 20. f—channel frozen over.

DAILY DISCHARGE, IN SECOND-FEET, OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON, N. DAK., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	23	18				81	210	81	380	485	62	46
2	23					46	180	81	380	210	62	33
3	23					23	180	81	380	180	62	33
4	23					46	152	81	285	152	62	33
5	23				5	46	152	81	245	152	46	33
6	23	33				72r	152	81	285	126	46	33
7	33					126	152	152	245	102	46	33
8	33					152	152	1,450	245	102	46	23
9	33			9		1,230*	152	3,230*	245	81	33	23
10	23					285	152	1,100	210	81	33	23
11	33					900	152	1,380	210	81	33	23
12	33					1,100	126	2,600	180	81	33	23
13	23	23				1,240	126	1,900	180	81	23	15
14	23	22				770	126	1,600	152	81	23	15
15	23	20f				380	152	1,800	152	62	23	15
16	23		15			210	210	2,040	152	868	430	15
17	23					710	210	1,450	152	595	152	15
18	23					1,240	180	770	152	180	102	15
19	23					265	152	965	180	152	81	15
20	23					1,100r	126	650	330	102	62	15
21	15					1,240	126	1,660	210	81	62	15
22	15				28	1,170	126	770	180	81	62	15
23	15				46	900	126	2,200	180	81	62	15
24	15				126	802	126	1,030	152	62	62	15
25	15				152	680	126	965	152	62	62	9
26	15				102	568	126	710	126	81	46	9
27	23				152	485	102	540	126	81	46	9
28	23			23w	102	458	102	380	102	81	46	9
29	23					380	102	330	102	62	46	9
30	15					380	102	430	835	62	46	9
31	15					330		380		62	46	

Accuracy

Note.—*Observed maximum gage height 8.4 ft. at 5 P. M. f—frozen. r—ice or slush running. w—water flowing over ice. Stout correction applied for effect of ice. Nov. 15 to March 21.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF CANNON BALL RIVER NEAR STEVENSON N. DAK.

Month	Discharge in second-feet			Run-off in acre-feet
	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	
1922-1923				
October	10	6	7	420
November	107	10	53	3,150
December	35	20	26	1,580
January	180	15	27	1,650
February	126	15	26	1,460
March	6,900	40	1,208	74,300
April			1,000	59,400
May	280	62	123	7,600
June	1,800	62	218	13,000
July	1,450	175	557	34,300
August	770	100	328	20,200
September	900	8	184	10,900
The year	1,800	6	314	228,000
1923-1924				
October	900	180	420	25,800
November	180	56	119	7,100
December	46	30	35	2,170
January	25	23	23	1,430
February	23	9	11	639
March	46	9	13	820
April	1,880	40	541	32,200
May	210	41	88	5,380
June	650	33	126	7,500
July	81	15	40	2,470
August	1,590	9	163	10,000
September	33	3	13	789
The year	1,880	3	133	96,400
1924-1925				
October	102	5	34	2,110
November	33	9	18	1,060
December	15	6	8	512
January	5	5	5	306
February	180	5	52	2,880
March	4,400	15	913	56,200
April	650	46	137	8,170
May	180	9	27	1,680
June	2,870	0	362	21,500
July	126	3	34	2,080
August	3	0	2	99
September	46	0	5	317
The year	4,400	0	133	96,900
1925-1926				
October	3	1	2	140
November	5	2	3	170
December	3	3	4	250
January	3	3	3	180
February	54	3	10	570
March	210	33	100	6,120
April	81	23	42	2,470
May	62	15	30	1,820
June	1,590	23	284	16,900
July	540	33	82	5,060
August	228	23	64	3,950
September	650	23	104	6,200
The year	1,590	1	61	43,800
1926-1927				
October	33	15	23	1,430
November	33	16	22	1,310
December	15	13	15	910
January	33	8	11	670
February	152	5	31	1,700
March	1,240	23	550	33,800
April	210	102	145	8,640
May	3,230	81	1,003	61,700
June	835	102	225	13,400
July	868	62	153	9,420
August	430	23	66	4,060
September	46	9	20	1,180
The year	3,230	5	180	138,200